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BENGALURU
The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to have a re-look at the concept of commutable distance and distinction between areas/places of posting in its 2013 transfer guidelines to avoid tribunals and the courts from being burdened with litigation over the issues relating to transfers.
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ICU deaths raise concerns about patient safety
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The recent death of two ICU patients, allegedly due to power outage at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences, has raised serious concerns about patient safety.
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Cheetahs from Namibia get a new home in India

PM releases three at National Park in Madhya Pradesh

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a coalition of cheetahs into the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday.

Eight animals – including five females – were flown from Windhoek, Namibia to Gwalior, followed by a helicopter ride to the grasslands of Kuno Palpur. Mr. Modi released three of them.

The cheetahs will be released in specially designed enclosures where they will live for a month and begin a lifetime of acclimatisation to Indian prey and forest conditions.

Mr. Modi, in a televised address, said it could be "months" before ordinary citizens could visit Kuno to spot the animals. "They have now come as guests and it will take some time before they get used to living in India," he said.

He remarked that though cheetahs had become extinct in India in 1952, no meaningful effort was made to rehabilitate them for the past seven decades.

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Checking in: Prime Minister Narendra Modi after releasing a cheetah at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on Saturday. Each animal has a dedicated tracking team • PTI

China blocks listing of Lashkar 'commander' Sajid Mir at UNSC

This is Beijing's third attempt in three months

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

For the third time in three months, China blocked a joint India-U.S. attempt to put a Pakistan-based terrorist on the UN Security Council's 1267 list, placing a hold on the proposal to add Lashkar-e-Taiba 'commander' Sajid Mir, who is wanted for the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, as well as attacks in the U.S. and Denmark.

Mir is presently lodged in a Pakistan jail after being convicted of terror financing at a hurried trial earlier this year.

The move on Thursday in New York came even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping attended the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Samarkand, where the Eurasian grouping had agreed to take strong and consolidated action against terrorism in the region.

India has in the past criticised China for its "double standards" and for being "two-faced" on the issue of terrorism for consistently stopping the listing of Pakistan-based terrorists on the UNSC 1267 list, despite the fact that the groups they belong to were listed decades ago.

Stance at Samarkand

At the SCO meeting on Friday, President Xi had, in his address, spoken about the need for concerted action on terrorism by the eight members of the grouping. The SCO grouping comprises India, Pakistan, China, Russia and four Central Asian states.

Briefing the media, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra had said that Mr. Modi had also raised the issue during the restricted meetings with the leaders in Samarkand and agreed to a new "unified list" of terrorists, separatists and extremist organisations.

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Spreading terror
Who is Lashkar-e-Taiba 'commander' Sajid Mir?

- Mir is one of India's most wanted terrorists and has a bounty of $5 million placed on his head by the U.S. for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
- Mir recruited and trained the attackers, including Ajmal Kasab, and directed the killings
- He is wanted for the attack on a Danish newspaper over blasphemous cartoons
- He was involved in attacks on Australian military installations
- He is wanted in the 'Virginia Paintball Jihad' case that involved training LeT operatives at a paintball facility in the U.S.

Joblessness below pre-COVID levels: FinMin

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Demand for work under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) hit a two-year low in August, signalling that the recovering economy is creating more jobs in rural as well as urban India, the Union Finance Ministry said on Saturday.

India's inflation, the Ministry said, is "in control" and expected to moderate in coming months from the 7% mark in August as global supply constraints ease.

However, upside risks remain as producers will likely pass on higher input costs to customers "sooner than later" and the decline in kharif sowing poses concerns on the food inflation front.

Stressing that expansion in economic activity along with a spurt in job opportunities has led to a fall in the unemployment rate to below pre-pandemic levels, the Ministry said work sought by people under the MGNREGS has been waning in recent months. "Work demanded under MGNREGS has been diminishing since May and was at its lowest in August 2022, compared to the corresponding period of the previous two years, signalling a possible reduction in the unemployment rate in rural areas," the Ministry's economic review of August noted.

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Joymala's case flags gaps in private ownership norms for elephants

Six States have 96% of captive elephants without ownership certificates

ROHAN PREMKUMAR
UDHAGAMANDALAM

The ongoing dispute between the governments of Tamil Nadu and Assam over the alleged mistreatment of a temple elephant named Joymala, has brought into focus the prevailing lacunae in enforcing norms on private ownership of elephants in India.

Joymala, who was leased by Assam to Tamil Nadu, is in the news after animal rights organisations alleged that the elephant was being mistreated. Legal battles are under way at the High Courts of Madras and Gauhati, with both States making contrasting claims.

While Tamil Nadu is one of the States to have strict controls governing the private ownership of elephants, the lack of law enforcement in certain other States has led to a thriving "black market" in which elephants are captured illegally and trafficked to different places, allege activists and conservationists.

A response in 2020 from the Project Elephant Division of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to an application filed under the Right to Information (RTI) Act showed that the ownership of at least one out of every four elephants held by private individuals was not supported by the relevant documentation. The Ministry has clarified that it's illegal to hold elephants in captivity without ownership certificates.

While Tamil Nadu reportedly has only one elephant without an ownership certificate, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Assam, Tripura and Madhya Pradesh account for 96% of elephants in captivity without ownership certificates. "As per the RTI Act response, 694 out of 723 elephants in India that are privately owned and without documentation are in these States," Antony Rubin, an animal welfare activist, said.

Activists allege that many elephants without documents have been captured in Assam, Tripura and other northeastern States. They are sold at elephant markets, from where they are sent illegally to other States. Arunachal Pradesh, which has 109 elephants in captivity, has not released any data on whether these elephants have ownership certificates.

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Jumbo issue: The temple elephant Joymala in Srivilliputtur, Virudhunagar district. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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BDA contract case: Lokayukta police register FIR against Yediyurappa, Vijayendra

Minister Somashekar, three other members of BSY's family also named

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police have registered an FIR against former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, his son and State BJP vice-president B.Y. Vijayendra and three other members of his family in a case of alleged corruption to award a Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) contract when Mr. Yediyurappa was Chief Minister.

Cooperation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who was chairman of BDA, and IAS officer G.C. Prakash, who was BDA Commissioner in 2019 when the alleged offence occurred, are also accused in the case booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

This is the first FIR against Mr. Yediyurappa on the alleged corruption that pertains to his 2019-21 tenure. This is also the first FIR against Mr. Vijayendra, who has been aspiring for a larger role in the run-up to the 2023 Assembly polls. This period had seen several allegations levelled against the father-son duo and was said to be one of the reasons for Mr. Yediyurappa being asked to step down.

Sting operation

Details of the case had first come out as a sting operation aired on a private channel in 2020. The FIR states that Dr. Prakash demanded a bribe of ₹12 crore on behalf of Mr. Yediyurappa for a ₹666.22 crore BDA group housing contract from Chandrakanth Ramalingam, who had allegedly got the contract at the insistence of Mr. Somashekar.

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Accused in the case

- A-1: B.S. Yediyurappa
- A-2: B.Y. Vijayendra, Mr. Yediyurappa's son
- A-3: Shashidhar Maradi, Mr. Yediyurappa's grandson
- A-4: Sanjay Shree, Mr. Yediyurappa's grandson-in-law
- A-5: Chandrakanth Ramalingam, Ramalingam Constructions
- A-6: S.T. Somashekar, then chairman, BDA
- A-7: G.C. Prakash, then Commissioner, BDA

Bescom drive to up revenue

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bescom has taken up various initiatives, including recovery of dues, to overcome revenue deficit of ₹1,412 crore for this business year.

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KSRTC plans to operate double-decker buses on short-distance routes from city

It has taken a cue from BMTC, which has decided to run five such buses

SUCHITH KIDIYOOR
BENGALURU

Taking a cue from the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC), the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is also contemplating introducing double-decker buses.

KSRTC managing director Anbu Kumar told *The Hindu* that the feasibility of running double-decker buses on short-distance routes such as Bengaluru-Tumakuru and Bengaluru-Doddaballapur is being studied. "Double-decker buses are usually operated for intracity services. The KSRTC, which largely operates intercity services, is exploring the possibility of running such buses on short-distance routes," he said.

"Meanwhile, they will also hold talks with the bus manufacturers on running double-decker buses on a pilot basis. If feasible, we will use internal resources to fund a few buses," he added. He also said in Mysuru city, where the KSRTC also runs intracity services, the corporation is contemplating to run electric double-decker buses on a pilot basis.

Electric buses

The BMTC has taken a decision to introduce five electric double-decker buses using the National Clean Air Programme funds. Each bus is likely to cost around ₹2 crore.

Decades ago, Bangalore Transport Services had a fleet of double-decker buses, but after the formation of the BMTC, the fleet was phased out citing operational constraints. In the last decade, several attempts have been made to run double-decker buses, but plans were dropped after finding the city's road infrastructure unconducive to run them.

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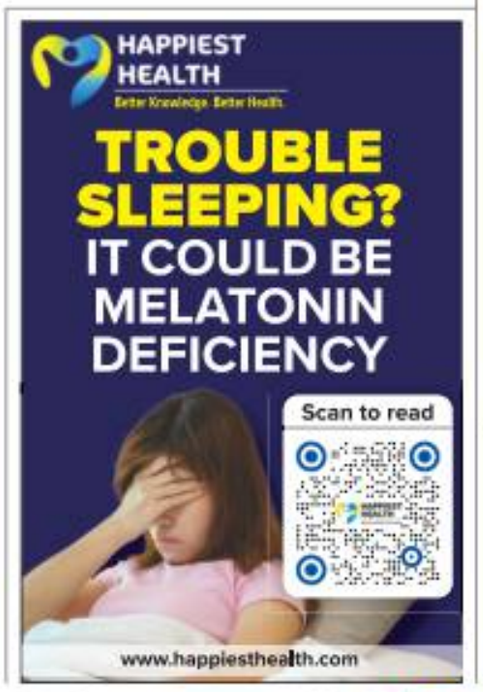

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Rise of the rivers

Several long-forgotten, destroyed waterbodies in Bengaluru have had a rebirth with the recent unprecedented heavy rain

TEXT AND IMAGES BY K. BHAGYA PRAKASH

Bringing Cauvery water from afar in pipes for domestic consumption in Bengaluru is like "looking for ghee while butter is on your palm", says B.N. Umesh, a pharmacist, citing a Kannada proverb to imply how the city is looking for distant sources of water while letting its rivers go to seed. He got thinking on these lines as the recent rain submerged vast areas of Bengaluru and has, at least for a short time, brought back to life many of its rivers that had been presumed "dead".

The Vrishabhavathi, for instance, was in spate during the downpour that lasted days. The Arkavathy's tributary, which partly flows through the city, had carried nothing but sewage and industrial pollutants in recent years. Facing similar problems is the Arkavathy itself, which originates in the Nandi Hills along with the Vrishabhavathi and travels 35 km to join the Cauvery, and the Kanva, which takes birth at Magadi and traverses 55 km to join the Shimsha, which too merges with the Cauvery.

These small tributaries once flourished and people in the region used to depend on their water for daily needs and agriculture, says Rame Gowda, a farmer who now uses borewell water as the Arkavathy is polluted. He says domestic animals refuse to drink from these rivers as the water smells terrible with industrial waste dumped in it. Kumar, 30, of Shanbhoganahalli, near Channapatna, remembers his childhood days when he used to play in the Seetha Thore, a stream that joins the Kanva. But as he grew older, both the stream and the river "vanished" and the riverbed became a convenient place for dumping garbage.

After the recent rain, the Arakavathy and the Kanva got back their glory, though ephemerally. But the rain hardly helped the likes of Rame Gowda. As waters flooded the fields in this drought-prone area, crops were destroyed, pouring misery on farmers. And Umesh's idea of tapping these local resources for local needs is lost in the constant rush for big and expensive projects.

Breaking the banks: The Seetha Thore, one of the streams rejuvenated by the recent heavy rain in Bengaluru. It joins the Kanva river near Channapatna in Ramanagara district in Karnataka.

New life: After many years, the Kanva flows as a proper river with the rain fuelling a rejuvenation.

Spring of life: A rejuvenated stream flowing to join the Kanva at Thittamaranahalli of Ramanagara district.

Quick flow: The Vrishabhavathi seen from Nayandahalli in Bengaluru.

On show: The Kanva dam built in 1946 attracting tourists after the heavy water flow in the river.

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Bescom plans special drive to counter ₹1,412 cr. revenue deficit

After launch of the exercise, tariff collection efficiency reaches 100.88% in Aug.

JAHNAVI T.R.
BENGALURU

With a special drive, which was started on August 1 to recover pending dues, the soft tariff collection efficiency of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) reached 100.88% in the month, with the surplus collection amounting to ₹16 crore. While the demand (billed amount) was ₹1,840.91 crore, a total of ₹1,857.20 crore was collected, including dues.

In the previous months of April, May and July, there was a shortfall in collection while in the month of June, there was an excess due to the issuing of interest on deposits.

The drive is part of various initiatives by Bescom to overcome the deficit for the ongoing business year of 2022-23. "The company's financial situation is delicate. We have a deficit of ₹1,412 crore for this business year. To adhere to the business plan, we have been working on certain parameters, including the reduction of loss of revenue and electricity, improvement of revenue generation and recovery of overdues," said Mahantesh Bilagi, Managing Director, Bescom.

Field officers in Bescom are creating awareness about safety following some accidents. • K. MURALI KUMAR

BESCOM Soft Tariff Collection Efficiency

Month	Demand (in ₹ crore)	Collection (in ₹ crore)	Collection efficiency (in %)	Excess/ Shortfall (in ₹ crore)
April	1,710.3	1,628.64	95.23	-81.67
May	1,835.27	1,831.94	99.82	-3.32
June	1,783.21	1,811.98	101.61	28.77
July	1,805.73	1,778.99	98.52	-26.74
August	1,840.91	1,857.2	100.88	16.29

Under the special drive, pending amounts are being recovered from customers who have dues of more than ₹5 lakh or have not paid bills in six months. The company has set a target to recover ₹285 crore in this financial year.

Apart from this, Bescom aims to earn ₹516 crore by selling surplus energy through Indian Energy Exchange and add another ₹245 crore by reducing IP consumption and increasing sales of meters. With efficient monetisation of overhead cable network, Bescom expects to earn ₹136 crore. Along with a few other steps, the company aims to collect ₹1,542 crore by the end of the year to overcome the deficit.

Renewable energy

Mr. Mahantesh said that there is no shortage of energy supply to the Bescom. There is, in fact, a surplus. "We have surplus energy coming in from our renewable resources. Hydroelectric power (hydel) is being generated at optimum levels due to good rains this year," he said.

The MD also addressed the recent electrical accidents. He said that field officers are working to create awareness about safety among people.

The company is coming down hard on advertising companies who fail to follow the guidelines, in coordination with the BBMP. "We will file an FIR against the agency and also secure compensation for the victim's family from them," he said.

BBMP invites objections from public to cutting of 52 trees for HAL project

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The request is from the ARDC to cut 52 trees, all standing on the ARDC campus, which are within the project area of construction of building for facility establishment for LCA MWF MK2 hangars at ARDC. A majority of the trees are indigenous species.
BBMP OFFICIAL

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has invited objections from the public to a proposal to axe 52 trees on the premises of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited for the construction of the new LCA MWF MK2 hangars building.

The Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF), BBMP, who is also the tree officer, published the public notice on Friday regarding the tree cutting as requested by the aircraft research and design centre (ARDC) of HAL in Vimanapura, to the BBMP.

The public can file objections within 10 days from the date of publication of the notification.

A senior BBMP official said: "The request is from the ARDC to cut 52 trees, all standing on the ARDC campus which are within the project area of construction of building for facility establishment for LCA MWF MK2 hangars at ARDC. A majority of the trees are indigenous species."

According to BBMP officials, people can raise their objection by contacting BBMP either by post, email or by hand at Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF) and tree officer, BBMP, N.R. Square or email to dcfbbmp12@gmail.com.

Court sentences auto driver to 20 years RI in POCSO case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Additional City Civil and Session Court on Saturday sentenced a 28-year-old autorickshaw driver to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment in a POCSO case booked against him in 2019.

The accused Syed Khaja, a resident of Nandini Layout, had lured a minor girl in the neighborhood and then taken her to an isolated place and raped her.

Based on the complaint by her parents, the police arrested the accused under various sections of POCSO Act and remanded him in judicial custody in January 2019.

After spending three years and 23 days in prison, the accused was granted bail in February 2022. K.V. Ashwathnarayan, public prosecutor, argued the case and presented the chargesheet, medical reports and the statement of the parents and witness, after which the court convicted the accused on Saturday, sentencing him to 20 years of RI and a fine of ₹20,000.

Syed Khaja, who was present at the court, was taken into custody and remanded to JC to undergo the remaining sentence.

Six held, 39 bikes worth ₹30 lakh recovered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of stepping up patrolling to monitor a growing number of vehicle theft cases, the south-east division police managed to crack two cases and arrested six persons, recovering 38 two-wheelers worth ₹30 lakh from them.

City Police Commissioner C.H. Pratap Reddy had directed the jurisdictional police to step up patrolling and also put up check points at the entry and exit routes across the city to monitor growing offences of bike theft and housebreaks in his recent review meeting.

Based on a bike theft case reported in Koramangala, inspector D.N. Nataraj and his team analysed over 50 CCTV footages before zeroing in on one of the accused and arrested him. The accused had roped in three of his associates from Tamil Nadu to move around residential areas to steal two-wheelers parked outside houses.

The accused would break the handles and manipulate the wiring to ride across the border overnight to reach Tamil Nadu. The accused would then sell the stolen bikes to people in remote villagers without documents at throwaway prices and share the booty, C.K. Baba, DCP, south east, who supervised the investigations, said. Based on their confession, the police recovered 29 stolen bikes worth ₹15 lakh.

In a similar incident, the Bandepalya police busted another bike theft case and arrested two persons and recovered nine bikes worth ₹15 lakh.

Constable Firoz Ghazni and his associate Sandeep Kamble were on patrolling duty on Mangammanapalya Main Road conducting random vehicle check when the duo was caught.

A detailed questioning led them to confess that they are from Hosur and used to come by bus, move around the area to identify and steal parked bikes and ride them back to Tamil Nadu and sell them without documents.

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Campaign to arrest rising number of cybercrime offences launched

Victims can call helpline number 112 or 1930

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In an effort to contain the growing number of cybercrimes offences, officials of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have launched an awareness campaign to inform people about the dos and don'ts if they fall victim to online frauds.

Speaking about the campaign that was launched on Friday, Raman Gupta, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), said though the city crime graph is under control, offences related to cyber crimes are on the rise as cyber criminals operate using the vulnerability of the people.

The city police had launched the Cybercrime Incident Report (CIR) system in April last year with a dedicated helpline number of 112. A team of police operate from the control room to coordinate with the representatives of various banks on the directions of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to freeze the beneficiary's account within the golden period.

The victims can call the helpline number 112 or 1930 without delay to help the police to act. The sooner you report, the higher the chances of getting the money back, Mr. Gupta said in his message to the people.

Since its inception, a dedicated team of police working round the clock have managed to freeze over ₹190 crore since 2021. However, the police got back only a part of the money and a major portion is still stuck due to technical and legal problems, a senior police officer admitted. This is again depending on the calls we get within the golden hour, a police officer added.

Last week, a journalist from a reputed newspaper lost ₹2 lakh to online fraud, but as he called 112 within a few minutes of the incident, the police, with the help of bank officials, managed to freeze the account and recover the money.

Cybercrime officials said that the most common form of online frauds are related to banks, where fraudsters, posing as bank officials, convince the victim to share OTP, KYC updates and sometimes send links.

"People should know that no bank or institution is authorised to demand for bank details or PIN numbers," Mr. Gupta said.

Raman Gupta, Joint Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru city, launching the campaign. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

IAS officer's photo misused

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Additional Chief Secretary, Urban Development Department, Rakesh Singh, has filed a complaint with the central division of cyber crime police alleging that someone has misused his photograph as their display picture to send messages to his contacts.

Based on the complaint filed on Saturday, the police have registered a case.

Mr. Singh said that the incident came to light when Special Commissioner, BBMP, Harish Kumar and Deepak called him to inform that they had received messages from a phone number with a photograph of him in the DP. The phone number the fraudster was using does not belong to me, he said.

FROM PAGE ONE

KSRTC plans running double-decker buses

Director (IT) of BMTC Surya Sen A.V. said, "Outer Ring Roads (ORR) are feasible to run these buses and also many routes in the CBD areas that have tourism destinations. Though the ORR has underpasses and skywalks, large vehicles and heavy trucks use the roads. Double-decker buses that have a height of 3.8 m can be operated on this route. In the CBD, we can introduce these buses on routes that have tourism circuits."

Tender

The BMTC will float the tender by September-end. Mr. Sen said the BMTC had also been approached to introduce five more double-decker buses under the State urban transport fund.

The BMTC is also planning to use mini-buses (6-m length) on lease to connect interior roads with major operational metro stations in the city.

There is a plan to introduce 100 such buses. These buses will have seats for 20 passengers.

Two arrested for murder of home-alone retired teacher

Victim's neighbour and his associate killed her for money

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Vidyaranyapura police on Saturday arrested a 31-year-old private firm employee and his associate for allegedly murdering a 68-year-old home-alone retired teacher to rob her gold valuables last Thursday.

The accused T. Nagendra was working in a private company and staying in a rented house opposite to the house of the victim, while his associate K. Ramaraju, a native of Annammaiah district in A.P., was unemployed.

According to the police, Nagendra noticed that the victim S. Prasanna Kumari, 68, a retired teacher, was living alone in a rented house at Ambabhavani Layout in Vidyaranyapura. She used to wear gold jewels whenever she would go out to visit her relatives and friends.

Nagendra, who was in need of money, hatched a plan to eliminate Prasanna Kumari to rob her valuables and roped in his associate Ramaraju.

As per the plan, he called Ramaraju to his house and the duo kept a watch for a few days before they gained entry into the house. The duo overpowered her and gagged her with a piece of cloth before tying her up. They removed her valuables and ransacked the house before strangulating her to death and fleeing with 68 grams of gold valuables.

The murder came to light when the owner of the house alerted the police. The police analysed CCTV footage and with the help of technical details, they zeroed in on Nagendra.

Based on their confession, the police recovered two pairs of bangles and a gold chain, which they had pawned at a gold loan company in Annammaiah district for ₹1.9 lakh. The police recovered the valuables, a bike and two mobile phones the accused had used to commit the crime.

A SPACE MARKETING INITIATIVE

Enviro Control bags the order of World's Largest Advanced Drinking Water PFAS Removal Treatment Plant with Ceramic Membrane Filtration Technology from Surat Municipal Corporation

Enviro Control Private Limited, a leading Indian water company has been awarded the EPC project of 160 MLD capacity Water Treatment Plant is not only the largest plant for Surat Municipal Corporation in India using the Advanced Ceramic Filtration process to remove PFAS (polyfluoroalkyl substances) but can also proudly claim to be the largest plant in the world for PFAS removal in drinking water once completed in year 2023, making it a pioneer in innovation and sustainability.

ENVIRO CONTROL established in 1979, is one of the few companies in the world to have more than 400 numbers of projects designed and executed on varied technologies like ASP, MBBR, UASB, SBR with BNR, IFAS, A2O, Advanced Oxidation ditch, Bio-Tower, Ultra Filtration, Reverse Osmosis, to name a few, in Water, Sewage, Industrial Effluent and Wastewater Reuse Treatment Plants across India. The existing drinking water treatment plant will undergo a general upgrade. The plant, with an original capacity of 50 MLD, will be equipped with advanced Ceramic filtration technology to achieve 160 MLD capacity output. One twin sand filter basin has an original capacity of 10 MLD. After the upgrade to ceramic membrane technology, a twin basin achieves a capacity of 32 MLD. The upgrade will be done basin by basin. The plant will not have to be shut down or operated at reduced capacity during the construction phase.

A special feature of this technology innovation is the ACLF (Active Cake Layer Filtration) process. When required, this filtration process can be combined with an adsorption process. Powdered activated carbon will be used as an adsorbent, which not only ensures elimination of additional dissolved substances from the water, but removal of > 99% PFAS (Forever Chemicals) and other organic toxins like pesticides – a first of its kind treatment for drinking water on such a scale. PFAS substances are organic, man-made chemicals, used for various applications, that are persistent in the environment and present numerous risks to health including cancers, reduced birth weights, and adverse effects on the immune system.

"With the new technology, a significant improvement in water quality will be achieved even during low flow and heavy pollutant load increase in Tapi river, especially, during the months from February to May. In the past, the plant had to deal with various seasonal issues, mainly increased turbidity and colored water, as well as odor problems. Excess chlorine (carcinogenic in nature) dosage will not be necessary during such peak events. The advanced ceramic filtration with its rugged construction, long life and fine pore size will be able to filter out impurities such as organics, color, odor, etc. including but not limited to rejection of bacteria and viruses to a large extent."

Dr. Nimesh Vashi,
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Enviro Control Technologies UK Ltd., United Kingdom, a subsidiary of Enviro Control India, will play a crucial role in procurement and engineering of the whole Ceramic membrane filtration system to upgrade the existing Water Treatment Plant for Surat Municipal Corporation in the said project.

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BENGALURU

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RISE 00:00	SET 12:56
MONDAY, SEP. 19	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:18
RISE 00:26	SET 13:47
TUESDAY, SEP. 20	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:17
RISE 01:18	SET 14:36

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	28	20

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be slight warm and humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain or thundershower is possible.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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VIMS ICU deaths raise larger concerns about patient safety

According to World Health Organisation, unsafe medication practices and medication errors are a leading cause of avoidable harm in healthcare

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

WORLD PATIENT SAFETY DAY

The recent death of two ICU patients, allegedly due to power outage at Vijayanagar Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) in Ballari, has raised serious concerns about patient safety, even as September 17 was observed as World Patient Safety Day.

The case is currently under inquiry by a five-member team. Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar will also visit the hospital on Sunday to take stock of the situation.

This is not the first time that patient safety has been at stake in VIMS. In 2017, a vast portion of the roof of an operation theatre in the ground floor of the OT complex in the institute had collapsed. Fortunately, there was no casualty then as no surgery was being conducted at that time.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), unsafe medication practices and medication errors are a leading cause of avoidable harm in healthcare. Medication errors occur when weak medication systems and human factors such as fatigue, poor environmental conditions or staff shortages affect the safety of the medication use process. This can result in severe patient harm, disability and even death.

Several instances of patients on ventilators dying in ICUs due to oxygen shortage, power outage, and even fire have been reported in the State. •FILE PHOTO

However, it is not just unsafe medication practices that can result in severe patient harm. Several instances of patients on ventilators dying in the ICUs due to oxygen shortage, power outage and even fire have been reported from various States, including Karnataka.

Chamarajanagar deaths

The death of 24 patients due to lack of oxygen in Chamarajanagar district hospital in May 2021 created a furore during the pandemic. The committee of two retired High Court judges that was set up to probe the tragedy said the shortage of oxygen occurred as the dean of Medical Sciences (CIMS) and the in-charge district surgeon, a microbiologist, did not exhibit leadership qualities and failed to efficiently marshal available resources to save lives.

Sources in some district hospitals attached to government medical colleges under the Medical Education Department said heads of these hospitals have limited powers to take major decisions with regard to hospital maintenance. "Despite being autonomous institutions, they are supposed to take prior approval from higher authorities for all major works. Such bureaucratic hurdles can be disastrous," sources said.

Sources also asserted that prompt and quick action in times of crisis is most important. Last month, a reputed government tertiary care hospital in Bengaluru faced an emergency following a Bescom transformer blast on the hospital premises. This cut off power supply to the hospital for nearly eight hours.

"Hospital authorities ensured power supply was uninterrupted by shifting to generators. Diesel worth over ₹6 lakh was utilised on a single day," sources said.

Treatment should not be more harmful than disease: Manjunath

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Listing out various aspects that need to be taken care of in terms of patient safety, C.N. Manjunath, Director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, said, "Treatment should not be more harmful than the disease. Any surgical intervention should be taken up only if there is a genuine indication or need for it."

Among other aspects, Dr. Manjunath said proper care should be taken while shifting patients in ambulances.

"Wheelchairs should have belts, beds should have railings, AC ducts should be properly closed, toilets and bathrooms should have grab bars," he said.

Asserting that renewal of maintenance contracts of all essential services such as generators, electrical sub-stations, diesel plants oxygen supply and patient lifts should not be delayed, he said, "Regular fire safety drills should be conducted. A dedicated engineering cell comprising civil, electrical, mechanical and biomedical engineers should be in place and frequent audits should be done."

Comprehensive Urban PHC opened at Palace Guttahalli

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Minister C.N. Ashwath Narayan looking at the equipment at the health centre in Malleswaram, Bengaluru, on Saturday. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A Comprehensive Urban Primary Health Centre (CUPHC), which the government says is the first of its kind in India, located at Palace Guttahalli near Malleswaram, was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday.

Calling it a model to the entire country, Mr. Bommai said 20 such CUPHCs will be set up in the city this year. He said 'namma clinic' will be set up in all the 243 wards in next three months.

Mr. Bommai also inaugurated hi-tech diagnostic services 'Xpress Clinic' on the occasion, which coincided with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. At CUPHC, along with services like testing, diagnosis and treatment, medicines will also be provided at either zero cost or an affordable price. It has been set up by Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) in collaboration with Manipal Health Enterprises and with philanthropic contributions by several citizens.

C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister and MLA of Malleswaram, said, "This healthcare centre is the very first completely digitalised healthcare centre to be established in India. Our solemn aim is to provide quality healthcare services, without turning down anyone, at affordable price."

Central Crime Branch seizes property worth ₹1.6 crore belonging to drug peddler

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Anti-Narcotics Wing of the City Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Saturday attached properties worth ₹1.6 crore belonging to a drug peddler.

The accused, identified as Mrutyunjaya, alias Jayanna, alias M.J., a habitual offender, was arrested by the police in July and ₹80 lakh worth hashish oil and ganja were recovered from him. MJ was into drug peddling since 2007 having nine cases under the NDPS Act pending against him, the police said. Further investigations revealed that through drug peddling, the accused had amassed wealth in his as well his wife Bhayamma's name. He had bought four immovable properties, including a commercial complex, agricultural land in Hoskote and Kolar. The police also found that ₹5 crore had been deposited to various bank accounts opened in the accused and his wife's name and they had not paid taxes.

No decision on reintroducing towing in city, says Araga

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Home Minister Araga Jnanendra on Saturday said no decision has been taken on reintroducing towing of vehicles in Bengaluru.

In March last, towing of vehicles was stopped following public outcry against the rude behaviour of traffic policemen and towing staff.

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Jnanendra said the decision to reintroduce towing of vehicles would be taken after holding consultation with experts.

A.P. Minister visits KMF

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Usha Sricharan, Minister for Women and Child Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, on Saturday paid a visit to Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF).

According to a release, Managing Director of KMF, B.C. Satish, welcomed the Minister on behalf of the KMF Chairman, Balachandra Jarkiholi. Mr. Satish and other senior officials of KMF briefed her about the activities and progress of KMF. KMF is supplying nearly one crore litres of milk (tetra pack) per month to Andhra Pradesh under YSR Sampoorna Poshana project.

Award for Malabar Gold and Diamonds

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, Karnataka Regional Head, Filsor Babu, received the Pride of India Award 2022 in the category of "highest employment in the jewellery sector", from Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. He received the award at the South Jewellery Show award ceremony held on Friday.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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Dated: 12-09-2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites Tenders for the following works:

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2	**Hubballi Division :** Kudatini Construction of Track Machine Rest House, approach Road Pathway, High Level PF, Low Level PF Shelter etc., at Kudatini (KDN) Yard.	Rs. 1,02,95,317.00
3	**Hubballi Division :** Kotturu Construction of Track Machine Rest House, approach Road Pathway, High Level PF, Low Level PF Shelter etc., at Kotturu (KTY) Yard.	Rs. 1,02,27,343.00
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A walk-in interview will be conducted on 19 Sep to 23 Sep 2022

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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3	**Whitefield -** Proposed provision of Over Head Tank (OHT) of 1.00 lakh litre Capacity. Maintenance period is 6 Months.	Rs. 42,75,382/-
4	**Bengaluru Division: Sub Work - I:** Bengaluru - Repairs to Divisional Office. **Sub Work- II** Bengaluru: Provision of up and down escalators on platform 1 at Mysuru end for third entry at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station. **Sub Work - III:** Bengaluru – Proposed provision of water proofing facilities to Quarters (146 Nos.) at Bengaluru. Maintenance period is 6 Months or 1 monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 3,85,34,550/-
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6	**Bengaluru:** Provision of revamping of existing water recycling plant of 1 mld capacity at MG Colony and maintenance of water recycling plant for 24 Months.	Rs. 1,81,82,945/-
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Dry parts of North Karnataka reel under excess, erratic rain

Crops on 11 lakh hectares lost across Kalyana Karnataka, Bombay Karnataka

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Fields damaged by flooding in Aland, Kalaburagi district. • ARUN KULKARNI

Karnataka's northern districts, which are more often in the news for water shortage and drought, are now seeing extensive crop losses and disruption of crop patterns due to changes in the rainfall pattern, including heavy pre-monsoon rainfall, and extended rainfall period. Riparian districts have had the additional burden of water released from dams in the catchment area.

11 lakh hectares

Rainfall has been in excess of 21% to 44% across 90 blocks in 12 districts, according to Revenue Department officials. It has led to a crop loss on around 11 lakh hectares across Kalyana Karnataka and Bombay Karnataka regions.

Farmers complain that continued rain has affected the efforts towards land preparations for rabi sowing. "Rain should have stopped by August third week for farmers to take up preparation for rabi sowing. However, even in the second week of September, we have heavy rain. How can any farmer enter his field to take up draining, tilling, or cleaning operations?" asked Sidagouda Modagi, Krishik Samaj leader.

Belagavi, among the worst affected districts, has seen crops on around 4 lakh hectares (25% of the total sown area) affected. The crops include sugarcane and tobacco, and kharif crops such as bajra, jowar, toor, paddy, sunflower, cotton, maize, vegetables, and fruits. Dharwad, Haveri, Ballari, Raichur, and Gadag too have suffered damage of paddy, chilli and other crops.

Extensive crop loss has been reported on 1.7 lakh hectares in Kalaburagi district due to excess rainfall during July and August. Out of the total 7,75,430 hectares sown, standing crops on 1,70,120 hectares (22%) have been damaged completely. After the short-term crops failed due to deficient rainfall during June, most of the farmers were forced to sow short-term crops a second time in July, which were damaged due to heavy rain.

The district recorded 260 mm rainfall in July, it was 151 mm in August, and 27.9 mm from September 1 to 15. Red gram, the major crop of the region, was damaged on 1,21,382 hectares (22%). Black gram was damaged on 6,801 hectares and green gram on 11,023 hectares.

In Bidar, standing kharif crops on 55,968 hectares (15%) were damaged as against the total cultivated area of 3,68,000 hectares. Soyabean crop alone was damaged on 36,170 hectares, (65%).

Change approach

Experts underline the need for a completely different approach to farming, given the current trend. "Monsoonal variation has had significant spatial and temporal changes in crop patterns over the last few years. There is a need for a radical change in the outlook of policymakers and change in the set of practices followed by farmers," said Rajendra Poddar, director, Water and Land Management Institute an agency dedicated to research and extension in water and land management, in Dharwad.

According to him, the Central and State governments should lay increased focus on climate change and its implications on farming in various regions, underlining particularly the need for a decentralised approach.

He said that farmers had to adopt cost-effective methods of land preparations that ensure efficient drainage and runoff of water, and switching to drought- and flood-resilient crops is also needed.

Traditional farming

"The answer to most of our current problems lie in traditional farming," he said. According to Dr. Poddar, integrated farming with field and plantation crops and animal husbandry and poultry practices will make farmers immune to monsoon vagaries to a significant extent.

We are compensating for crop losses immediately: CM

'Relief amount has been doubled'

KUMAR BURADIKATTI
KALABURAGI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai speaking in Kalaburagi on Saturday. • ARUN KULKARNI

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said his government had released ₹300 crore for compensating the farmers who had lost their crops owing to heavy rain and floods in July and August.

"Earlier, governments took years to pay the compensation, but now we are releasing compensation amount as and when the crop loss report is uploaded on the portal. We have also doubled the compensation amount fixed as per the NDRF norms. The State government is adding an equal amount of funds to that released by the Union government to pay more compensation to the farmers. For example, the Union government gives ₹6,800 per hectare for dryland and we add an equal amount to make it ₹13,600," Mr. Bommai said.

Krishna waters

When asked about the delay in issuing the gazette notification for the use of water allocated to Karnataka in the Upper Krishna Project by Krishna Water Tribunal, the Chief Minister said the matter was pending before the Supreme Court and two judges and assured the utilisation of water once the matter was settled.

"Two judges in the Bench have recused themselves from the case. Now, a new Chief Justice India has taken charge. The advocates representing Karnataka were demanding the appointment of two judges to the Tribunal. Once water allocation is decided, the height of the Almatti Dam will be raised to 524 metres and implementation of nine irrigation projects will be initiated. Arrangements will be made to release water into the canal by issuing the notification," Mr. Bommai said.

More allocation

The Chief Minister announced at another event in Kalaburagi that the State government would provide ₹5,000 crore for the development of Kalyana Karnataka from next year. He was in the city to inaugurate Kalayana Karnaka Divasa celebration to mark the unificaiton of Hyderbad Karnataka with the Indian Union in 1948.

FROM PAGE ONE

FIR registered against Yediyurappa, Vijayendra

B.S. Yediyurappa and B.Y. Vijayendra

Mr. Ramalingam allegedly paid ₹12 crore to Dr. Prakash, but a conversation in which he is heard saying the money had not reached Mr. Vijayendra had been aired on television.

Alleged WhatsApp conversations between Mr. Yediyurappa's grandson Shashidhar Maradi and Mr. Ramalingam about payment of another ₹12.5 crore as bribe, to ensure pending bills of his firm were cleared, and alleged bank transactions showing laundering of this money by Mr. Yediyurappa's family members through a set of seven shell companies are also part of the complaint, the FIR said.

Social activist T.J. Abraham, the complainant in the case, filed a private complaint seeking a probe, which was quashed by the special court on the grounds that it needed sanction for prosecution.

However, on appeal, the High Court recently said no sanction for prosecution was required for the special court to order a probe, following which the special court directed Lokayukta police to take up an investigation. The Lokayukta police filed a FIR, against nine individuals named in the private complaint, on Friday.

'Will fail'

Responding to the development in Kalaburagi, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that the fresh case would also fail just as the previous ones filed against the former Chief Minister had.

After 24 pleas, speciality hospital granted for Uttara Kannada

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

After submitting two dozen petitions to various governments over the past few years, finally, the Basavaraj Bommai-led government has "in principle" agreed to sanction a super-speciality hospital to Uttara Kannada district.

The district, which has 70% forest area, has been demanding a super-speciality hospital. Now, in case of medical emergencies, people have to rush to Manipal in Udupi district or Mangaluru.

During question hour

Rupali Naik, BJP MLA, representing Karwar, during the question hour in the Legislative Assembly earlier this week, demanded the government to set up a super-speciality hospital in the district. But the MLA had not received an answer from the State government as Health and Family Welfare Minister K. Sudhakar had not attended the session owing to bad health.

Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri, who also hails from the same district, supported Ms. Naik's demand and told her that she would be allowed to ask the question when Dr. Sudhakar was present in the House next week.

The MLA met Mr. Bommai on Friday evening and submitted her petition seeking sanction of a hospital and release of funds to set up the facility. The Finance Department had rejected the proposal on three occasions in the last few years citing various reasons, she said.

Dr. Sudhakar told press-persons on Saturday that he would submit the file related to the hospital to the Chief Minister for clearing the proposal and release of funds.

Ms. Naik said she would again raise the issue of the hospital in the Assembly on Monday and seek a clear answer from the Minister. Mr. Bommai had assured her that he would visit the district soon by sanctioning the super-speciality hospital for the district.

HC: Fine-tune 2013 transfer guidelines to reduce litigation

'State govt. owes a duty to the justice delivery dispensation'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

FROM THE COURT

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government to have a re-look at the concept of commutable distance and distinction between areas/places of posting in its 2013 transfer guidelines to avoid tribunals and the courts from being burdened with litigation over the issues relating to transfers.

"The State government being the largest litigant owes a duty to the justice delivery dispensation and it is high time the State also took up some responsibility in having a re-look into the 2013 transfer guidelines," the court observed while noticing that the issue of transfer occupy a major chunk of the litigation before the Karnataka State Administrative Tribunal.

Writ petition

A Division Bench comprising Justice G. Narendar and Justice C.M. Joshi made these observations while disposing of a writ petition related to the dispute between two panchayat development officers over their transfer even though the distance between the two places was merely 40 km in the area abutting a developed city like Mysuru.

Rushing to courts

The court pointed out that government servants were rushing to courts on the ground of pre-mature transfer from one place to another even though the new postings are within the commutable distance.

"It is time for the State government to look into the concept of commutable distance and also the distinction between areas/places, which are well equipped with all basic necessities like hospitals, schools, colleges, residential accommodation etc., and remote and inaccessible areas involving hilly terrain, towns and villages surrounded by forest etc., or towns and villages in highly undeveloped or underdeveloped parts of the State," the court observed.

Directive

The Bench directed the Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR), to look into the observations made by the court and draw appropriate measures and place them before the government for taking steps and have a re-look into the 2013 guidelines.

Saving court's time

"We are of the considered opinion that such positive measures can prove fruitful in saving the precious judicial time of both the tribunal and this court," the Bench observed while directing the Principal Secretary, DPAR, to forward his recommendations to the government within eight weeks.

Panels for management of Bharat Jodo Yatra

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The KPCC has constituted committees for effective organisation and management of the Bharat Jodo Yatra launched by Rahul Gandhi, MP, which would enter the State on September 30.

A committee headed by the former Minister and MLA Ramalinga Reddy has been asked to take the responsibility of publicity of the rally, while KPCC campaign Committee Chairman M.B. Patil has been asked to organise a mega rally in Ballari, said a KPCC release.

A committee headed by the former Minister H.M. Revanna has been given the task of arranging the transport, while a committee led by Krishna Byre Gowda, MLA, has been asked to take the responsibilities of organising meetings daily.

KPCC working president R. Dhruvanarayan would take the responsibility of organising the rally in the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar region. The former Minister B.L. Shankar has been given the responsibility of organising Gandhi Jayanti celebrations at Badanavalu on October 2. Five women committees too have been formed.

'Duty hike has hit pellet exports'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

India's pellet export market has turned silent after the Union government imposed a 45% export duty on the export of pellets in May 2022, said KIOCL Ltd., a State-owned PSU operating under the Ministry of Steel, here on Saturday.

"This came as a blow to the company, resulting in intermittent operations of Pellet Plant and adverse impact on its performance," said T. Saminathan, CMD of KIOCL, here on Saturday.

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Shopkeeper arrested for untouchability in Tenkasi

He had refused to sell snacks to SC children

P. SUDHAKAR
TENKASI

A shopkeeper was arrested for practising untouchability and refusing to sell snacks to Scheduled Caste children at Panjankulam in Tenkasi district.

A video that went viral on social media shows a group of schoolchildren coming to a shop for buying snacks and candies. They are told by a person that no shop in the village will sell them snacks. He asks the confused children to tell their family members that the shops will not sell them anything based on a "decision" taken by the elders of an intermediate caste.

Revenue Department officials sealing a shop at Panjankulam on Saturday after the intermediate caste shopkeeper refused to sell snacks to Scheduled Caste children. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

When one of the children innocently asks about the "decision", the person says the village elders have decided not to sell anything to Scheduled Caste families. After standing helplessly for a few seconds, the children leave the spot.

Collector P. Akash conducted an inquiry and found that it was S. Maheshwaran who refused to sell snacks to the children based on the decision taken by the members of his caste following a minor clash between the two castes.

A police inquiry found that some youths of the intermediate caste and the Scheduled Caste had a scuffle at a wedding recently. Subsequently, the police booked some intermediate caste youths under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and registered a case against a few Scheduled Caste youths based on a complaint from the other group. Against this backdrop, K. Ramachandran alias Murthy, 20, an intermediate caste youth of South Street in the village who wanted to join a defence force, could not appear for the selection as he was one of the accused persons in the case registered under the SC/ST Act. A meeting organised to restore peace in the village and withdraw the complaints filed by both sides failed.

Subsequently, a meeting conducted by the intermediate caste families allegedly decided not to sell anything to the SC families from their shops.

After arresting Murthy, the Karivalamvanthanallur police arrested Maheshwaran on Saturday. Meanwhile, Revenue Department officials sealed the shop of Maheshwaran for allegedly practising untouchability.

Further investigations are on.

Three capitals: A.P. govt. files plea in Apex Court

V. RAGHAVENDRA
VIJAYAWADA

After much dithering on the High Court verdict in the three capitals case for over six months, the Andhra Pradesh government has at last challenged it in the Supreme Court in the form of a Special Leave Petition (SLP) on Saturday.

Speculation is rife that a fresh Bill on decentralisation will be filed in the ongoing monsoon session of the State Legislature.

The government appealed to the apex court to stay the High Court order dated March 3, 2022, wherein a full Bench comprising Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justices M. Satyanarayana Murthy and D.V.S.S. Somayajulu ruled that the Legislature had no competence to enact any law for shifting the three organs of the capital (under the guise of decentralisation).

The HC had, in its order of continuous mandamus, also directed the State and AP-Capital Region Development Authority to complete the process of development of Amaravati capital city and region in a specific time frame.

In the SLP, which is likely to be listed next week, the State government contended that the impugned judgment was in violation of the basic structure of the Constitution as the HC cannot hold that the State did not have the powers to decide on its capital. The judgment was against the doctrine of separation of powers as it sought to pre-empt the legislature from taking up the issue.

The State government said the issue had become infructuous since the AP Decentralisation and Inclusive Development of All Regions and CRDA Repeal Acts of 2020 were withdrawn.

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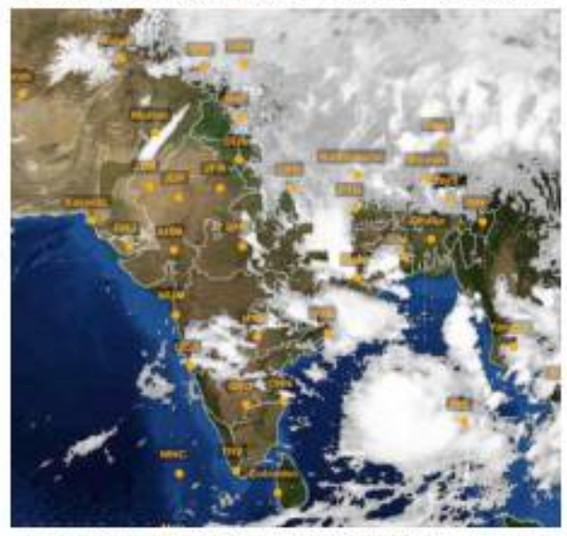

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Bengaluru	–	29.5	20.3	Mangaluru	3.8	28.9	23.5
Bhopal	2.2	26.0	23.4	Mumbai	34	30.4	24.4
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Chandigarh	–	34.8	25.0	New Delhi	11	33.6	22.3
Chennai	–	37.5	28.4	Patna	24	31.0	25.2
Coimbatore	–	33.4	22.9	Port Blair	31	27.2	24.5
Dehradun	19	28.2	22.1	Puducherry	–	34.8	25.3
Gangtok	52	21.4	16.7	Pune	38.2	26.8	20.1
Goa	4.2	31.0	25.1	Raipur	–	30.5	24.6
Guwahati	–	35.6	26.0	Ranchi	–	30.2	22.5
Hubballi	–	29.0	21.0	Shillong	2	23.3	16.0
Hyderabad	–	31.6	21.5	Shimla	10	22.4	14.8
Imphal	–	31.1	19.7	Srinagar	–	25.5	16.2
Jaipur	4	34.4	24.0	Thiruvananthapuram	–	31.9	23.8
Kochi	1	29.8	25.4	Tiruchi	–	36.1	26.4
Kohima	–	25.2	17.0	Vijayawada	–	34.6	25.8
Kolkata	3	30.9	26.4	Visakhapatnam	–	32.6	27.8

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	–	35	18	40	81	
Bengaluru	7	20	46	41	131	
Chennai	3	28	87	96	80	
Delhi	–	53	34	66	131	
Hyderabad	8	30	25	24	59	
Kolkata	11	33	7	58	63	
Lucknow	11	32	76	23	34	
Mumbai	–	98	39	29	26	
Pune	–	28	67	–	–	–
Visakhapatnam	–	43	42	62	116	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bhiwadi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 161 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Gummidipoondi, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 15

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

10% quota for STs from next week: KCR

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Telangana government will start implementing 10% reservation to Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the State from next week by issuing necessary orders, whether or not Centre gives its nod for it, Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao announced at Telangana Adivasi-Girijana Atmagourava Sabha organised as part of the National Integration Day celebrations here on Saturday.

He also made another major announcement stating that the government would also implement Girijana Bandhu, on the lines of Dalit Bandhu scheme, by giving ₹10 lakh each to ST families not having any landholding or any livelihood activity. However, it would be taken up only after the completion of giving podu land pattas to tribal communities.

GO-140 guidelines

Mr. Rao said village level committees were tasked with identifying lands eligible for podu pattas in tune with GO-140 guidelines and once the pattas were distributed the tribal concerned would also be extended the investment support under the Rythu Bandhu scheme.

The State Assembly had adopted a resolution requesting the Centre to increase the ST reservation in Telangana from 6% to 10% over seven years ago but the Centre was unmoved.

Kerala Governor ups the ante against govt.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Governor Arif Mohammed Khan has appeared to have upped the ante in the evidently bitter dispute with the Kerala government.

Speaking to journalists in Kochi on Saturday, Mr. Khan seemed to draw the curtain back on the Raj Bhavan's increasingly fraught relationship with the government. His words also arguably signalled a personal falling out with Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Mr. Khan alleged that Mr. Vijayan had forsaken the Chief Minister's duty to brief the Governor on matters of the State. Mr. Vijayan rarely returned calls or replied to his letters. The government had used "every trick in the box" to intimidate the Governor and make him fear for his physical safety. Mr. Khan's seemingly indignant riposte to Mr. Vijayan's damning indictment of the Governor's "anti-government posturing" seemed to shed light on what appeared to be growing mistrust between the administration and Raj Bhavan.

Notably, Mr. Khan hinted he would not sign into law any Bill that infringes on the autonomy of universities, casting doubt on the future of the University Laws (Amendment) Act, 2022.

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರ

ಟಿ. ಚೌಡಯ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಕುಮಾರ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು - 560 020.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಬೆಅಪ್ರಾ/ಆರ್.ಎಂ.ಪಿ–2015/ವಿಭೂಸ್ವಾಚ–6/41/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.09.2022

ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಪ್ರಾಧಿಕಾರದಿಂದ "RMP-2015 Road & Bye-Pass to improve connectivity in Dr.K.Shivarama Karantha Layout" ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ, ಯಲಹಂಕ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಹೆಸರಘಟ್ಟ ಹೋಬಳಿಯ ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಜಮೀನುಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸರ್ವೋಚ್ಚ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ದಿನಾಂಕ.18.02.2022ರಂದು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಥಮಿಕ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ, ದಿನಾಂಕ.06.08.2022ರಂದು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹತ್ತೊಂಭತ್ತು ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂಬರು ಜಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ11ರಡಿ ಐತೀರ್ಮಸಹ ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ಈ ಎಲ್ಲಾ 19 ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭೂಪರಿಹಾರ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ12(2)ರಡಿ ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ 1894ರ ಕಲಂ12(2)ರಡಿ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ನೋಟಿಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡ ಜಮೀನುಗಳ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತಿಮ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಂತೆ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರ / ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿದಾರರ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ.

ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು: ಯಲಹಂಕ ಹೋಬಳಿ: ಹೆಸರಘಟ್ಟ ಗ್ರಾಮ: ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ	ಎಸ್. ಎಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರ ಹೆಸರು	ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ	ಹಿಸ್ಸಾ	ಒಟ್ಟು ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ಪರಿಹಾರ		ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಪಡಿಸುವ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ		ಪರಿಹಾರ ಅಂತಿಮಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ (ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ)	12(2) ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ದಿನಾಂಕ
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1	35	K.M Samuel S/o K.M Mathew	23	1	1	34	0	0	0	12.75	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
2	36	Sahib Jaan S/o K A Jaafar	23	2	1	0	0	0			15.09.2022	16.09.2022
3	37	Sahib Jaan S/o K A Jaafar	23	3	1	0	0	0			15.09.2022	16.09.2022
4	38	Muniyamma, A.Ramesh S/o Anjinappa, Manjula D/o.Anjinappa, Lakshmamma @ Munilakshmmamma, Munilakshmamma D/o. Anjinappa, Sumanth S/o late Saraswathamma Thimmarayappa S/o.Anjinappa, Savithramma D/o Anjinappa, Kumari Sangeetha D/o late Sarswathamma, Muniyappa S/o Hanumantharayappa, Jayaramaiah S/o Muniyappa	50	1, 2, 3	4	30	0	0.25	0	20.5	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
5	41	P.Munikrishnappa S/o Puttaiah, Manjuala W/o Basavaraju	72	5	1	17	0	0	0	8	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
6	42	Munirevaiah S/o Arasappa, Ramanna S/o Muddaiah, Sonnamma D/o Munianjinappa, Badhraiah S/o Yaraiah, Puttahanumaiah S/o Muni venkatappa, Ganagamma W/o Byrappa, Jayamma W/o Hanumappa, Anusuyamma W/o Hanumappa, Chandrakala W/o Sanju, K.K Unnikrishnan s/o Krishnan, Sibaram sabat s/o Sharath chandra sabat, Sucha sabat w/o Sibaram sabat, (joint) Manjula Basavaraju W/o Basavaraju, Nanjappa S/o Muniyappa, G.G Varghse w/o late Sijo Varghse, Saji john S/o late P.J George, (joint) Munikrishnappa S/o Puttaiah	72	6 & 8	1	36	0	0	0	9	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
7	43	M. Ramesh S/o Muniyappa	73	8	0	28	0	0	0	6.75	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
8	44	Gangamma w/o late M.Puttaiah, D.P. Mohankumar S/o late M. Puttaih(joint)	73	9	0	16	0	0	0	7.25	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
9	45	Apparna gowda S/o Thammanna Brothers And Mother, Manjunath B.M S/o Late Muniyappa	74	7	1	5	0	0	0	15	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
10	46	Muniraju s/o late Paapaiah	75	1	0	4	0	0	0	2.5	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
11	47	Muniyappa S/o late Puttaiah	75	2	0	3	0	0	0	1.5	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
12	50	K.M. Jayaram s/o late Marappa, K.M. Venkateshmurthy s/o late Marappa (joint)	90	2	0	30	0	0	0	27	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
13	52	Patalappa S/o late Anjinappa	148	1	0	12	0	0	0	9.75	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
14	56	Rathnamma W/o Nagesh	148	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
15	64	Rangaswamy S/o Late Nanjappa, Chandrappa S/o Late Nanjappa (joint) Jayalakshmamma W/o Late M.Rangahanumaiah, Rajanna Late Ballappa	149	1	0	32	0	0	0	1	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
16	65	R.Rangahanumaiah S/o Rangappa	149	3	0	2	0	0	0	1.5	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
17	66	Rangaswamy B.M. S/o Muniyappa, Devaraj B.M.S/o Muniyappa, Krishnappa B.M.S/o Muniyappa (joint)	149	4	1	23	0	0	0	31	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
18	68	Rangaswamy, Nanjamma W/o Ballappa, Sarkara	149	6	0	14	0	0	0	2	15.09.2022	16.09.2022
19	69	Rangaswamy B.M. S/o Muniyappa, Devaraj B.M.S/o Muniyappa, Krishnappa B.M.S/o Muniyappa (joint)	149	8	0	20	0	0	0	10.5	15.09.2022	16.09.2022

ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಬ್ಯಾಲಕೆರೆ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಭೂಮಾಲೀಕರಿಗೆ / ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿದಾರರಿಗೆ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ12(2)ರಡಿ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾದ ನೋಟಿಸ್‌ಗಳು ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಲುಪದೇ ಇದ್ದ ಪಕ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ನೋಟಿಸ್ ಎಂದು ಭಾವಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನ ನಗದು ಭೂಪರಿಹಾರ ಅಥವಾ 40:60 ಅನುಪಾತದಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದ ನಿವೇಶನ ರೂಪದ ಪರಿಹಾರವನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ತಮಗೆ ಇರುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ಸಾಬೀತುಪಡಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕು-ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ 30 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸಲು ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿ ರಾಜಸ್ವ ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಕರಿಗೆ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ 2022ರ ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಂತಹ ಮರ ಮಾಮ್ಕೀ, ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ಸಮೇತವಾಗಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನವನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 16(1) ರನ್ವಯ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಕಬ್ಜೆ ನೀಡಲು ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅವಶ್ಯವಿರುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸದರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕದೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಹಾಜರುಪಡಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಗದು ಭೂಪರಿಹಾರದ ಮೊತ್ತವನ್ನು ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಕಲಂ 30, 31(2) ರನ್ವಯ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಿಟಿ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಲು ನಿಯಮಾನುಸಾರ ಕ್ರಮವಹಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ತಿಳಿಯುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/- ಪಿ.ಎಂ. ನಂದಿನಿ, ಕೆ.ಎ.ಎಸ್., ವಿಶೇಷ ಭೂಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾಧಿಕಾರಿ–6

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that my clients **Mrs. V Sashikala,** aged about 71 years, wife of **Mr. K V. Ramana Rao** and **Mr. V. Aruna Kumar,** aged about 74 years, Son of Late **Sri V Narayana Rao,** residing at No. 245-A, Laughing Waters, 5th B Main, Ramagondanahalli Bangalore North Bangalore Whitefield, Karnataka-560066 are the absolute owners of the Schedule Property and represent that the Original Sale deed dated 24/02/2006 executed by Mr. V.V.V. Subba Rao in their favour registered as document No. BAS-1-17223/2005-06, stored in CD. No. BASD220 in the office of the sub registrar at Bangalore South Taluk is lost and misplaced. They are unable to trace the same inspite of best efforts and they have also lodged a complaint with the local police on 09/09/2022 regarding the loss of documents. If anyone finds the above mentioned documents, they are requested to deliver the same to the undersigned and if any one were to deal with the said original title deeds in respect of the schedule property other than the aforesaid persons such transaction will not bind on them and they will be doing so at their own risk.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Site bearing No. 245 (old Katha No. 625) having Katha No. 259/257/245/1 situated in the layout known as "Laughing waters" Ramagondanahally Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and measuring East : 80 Feet, on the West : 80 Feet, on the North: 50 Feet and on the South : 50 Feet and totally measuring 4000 Sq. Feet, along with constructed house consisting of Ground and two upper floors measuring 4500 Sq. feet, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on: **East by :** Balance portion of No. 245 in Laughing Waters; **West by:** Property bearing No. 246 in Laughing Waters; **North by:** 30 feet Road in Laughing Waters; **South by:** Property No. 244 in Laughing Waters;

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No EE/PC-2/TEND/03/2022-23 Dated:17.09.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through GOK e-procurement portal)

The Executive Engineer, Project Central-2, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below :

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	**Construction of New and Additional Floor to BBMP Schools and PU College Buildings at Bannappa Park, Mothinagar, Chamarajapete, Kasturibanagar and Vijayanagar, Bengaluru**	**998.00**	**14.97 lakhs** (Rs. One lakh through E-Procurement & remaining as specified in bid document)

Date of Calender: 1) Document may be downloaded through e-portal from **19.09.2022 on wards.** 2) Pre bid meeting will be held on **26.09.2022 at 4.00 p.m. in the office of the Chief Engineer Project-Cenral-2, BBMP.** 3) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 28-09-2022, 5.30 p.m.** 4) Technical Bids will be opened on **30.09.2022 at 4.30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website:https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Project Central-2, BBMP.

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F.No.13-(1)/2022-P Dated:17.09.2022

ENLISTMENT NOTICE

CMFRI, Kochi invites application from bonafide Indian Companies/Indian Agents of Foreign Principals/Suppliers/Manufacturers/Firms/Service Providers etc. for enlistment/registration for supply of Chemicals/Glasswares/Labwares. Details are available in CMFRI website www.cmfri.org.in. Those who are interested may submit application on or before 31.10.2022.

Sd/-
Head of Office

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

FINANCE DEPARTMENT
Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore-560 001.

No: FD 03 BMB 2022 Date: 17.09.2022

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

1. It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of **8.48% Karnataka SDL, 2022** issued in terms of the Government of Karnataka, Finance Department Notification No. **FD 01 BMB 2018 Dated October 12, 2018** will be repaid at par on **October 17, 2022** with interest due up to and including October 16, 2022. In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after October 17, 2022.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24(2) and 24(3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronics means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of the State Bank of India, where they are enfaced/registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account/mandate for receipt of funds through eectronics means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **8.48% Karnataka SDL, 2022** should tender their securities at the Public Debit Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under.

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of Karnataka.

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China blocks listing of Lashkar 'commander'

"I must mention that each of the SCO member state was very, very clear in recognising the threat that this challenge poses to our region and through across the membership of the SCO," Mr. Kwatra said.

Mir's case has been particularly egregious as despite him being on India's UAPA most wanted list, and the U.S. FBI's most wanted list , he has not been placed on the UNSC's list yet.

In the 26/11 attacks trial, Mir was identified as having recruited and trained the attackers, including Ajmal Kasab, sending David Headley to Mumbai to carry out reconnaissance operations, and directing the killings during the three-day siege of Mumbai, particularly at Chabad House.

As *The Hindu* had reported in June, the discrepancy had been pointed out as pressure mounted on Pakistan to crackdown further on terror groups in order to allow a reprieve from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), which pursues actions against UNSC 1267-listed terrorists worldwide.

Mir is also wanted for his involvement in the attack on a Danish newspaper over blasphemous cartoons.

According to officials, the U.S. had made the proposal, co-sponsored by India, at the beginning of September, just as they had proposed to list LeT deputy chief Abdur Rahman Makki in June, and Jaish-e-Mohammad deputy chief Rauf Asghar.

Cheetahs from Namibia get a new home in India

The introduction of the cheetah in India is being done under Project Cheetah. According to the Environment Ministry, this is the first time a large carnivorous species has been moved across continents for establishing a new population.

The released cheetahs are radio-collared and their movements will be tracked. Each animal has its dedicated tracking team. There is also a team of wildlife scientists, biologists and Laurie Marker, a renowned zoologist and founder of the Cheetah Conservation Fund, which has worked on restoring the species in Africa. The process to bring cheetahs into India spans several decades, including an ingenious proposal in 2005 by the CSIR- Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad, to clone an Asiatic cheetah. This came to naught after Iran refused to share an animal.

In 2010, the Environment Ministry put together a plan recommending locations in India suitable for the cheetah and for sourcing cheetahs from Africa. This, however, brought legal problems as conservationists challenged estimates by the Wildlife Institute of India of the suitability of Indian sanctuaries for the animal. Kuno Palpur was originally intended as a second home for the Asiatic lions in Gir but the Gujarat government has opposed despite a Supreme Court order directing the transfer.

Joblessness below pre-COVID levels: FM

"This fall can be attributed to a pick-up in agricultural and non-agricultural activities coupled with the end of reverse migration resulting from increased employment opportunities in industrial and urban areas," the review suggested.

As per the *Periodic Labour Force Survey*, the unemployment rate in urban areas shrank for the fourth consecutive quarter to 7.6% in the April to June quarter, lower than the corresponding pre-pandemic level, the review pointed out.

Employment growth has continued in July and August as well, the Ministry said, citing the S&P Global Purchasing Managers Indices for the Manufacturing and Services sectors and a private job portal's data.

"The unemployment rate is now below pre-pandemic levels as measures taken earlier and later during the pandemic period are coming to fruition," it reasoned.

Arguing that the surge in private consumption in Q1 may not be driven just by pent-up demand and freer mobility but may also "be a reflection of increasing effectiveness of income support and targeted subsidies provided by the government, creation of jobs from elevated levels of public sector capex, and general rise in employment levels".

"The relatively bright outlook is also mirrored in the country's relatively strong position in the external sector," the Ministry stressed.

Joymala's case flags gaps in ownership norms

Data also shows that Assam is home to the highest number of elephants without any ownership certificates, with 335 out of 905 captive elephants not having any documents to prove ownership. Mr. Rubin said it was illegal to buy or sell elephants in India. Rules only allow for elephants to be exchanged or donated to temples or between private individuals. However, without an ownership certificate, the keeping of any elephant in captivity by a private individual is illegal, as per the new amendments to the Wildlife Prevention Act.

"It's a smuggling ring," prominent animal rights activist and former Union Minister Maneka Gandhi told *The Hindu*. Ms. Gandhi said elephants were illegally captured in the Northeastern States and trafficked to different parts of the country. "They are either sent to temples or used for begging, and when State Forest Departments try to act against the smugglers, they cross State borders and escape action," she said.

'Elephant' G. Rajendran, an advocate and activist, said that in many cases, one ownership certificate is used multiple times for different animals when they are transported within the country. "All elephants look the same to any normal person. So one ownership certificate is used for different animals, and unless there is proper monitoring and identification of each of the individual animals in captivity, it becomes extremely difficult to trace whether the animal was captured illegally and is being smuggled," Mr. Rajendran said.

Tamil Nadu Additional Chief Secretary (Environment, Climate Change and Forests), Supriya Sahu, said the State government was again enumerating the number of elephants in private custody, and checking whether they all had ownership certificates.

Jaishankar to hold talks with Blinken

The Minister is likely to take up $450-mn U.S. package to Pakistan for modernisation of F-16s

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Washington DC from September 25 to 28 to hold talks with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, the Ministry of External Affairs announced on Saturday. The interaction between the two will take place after the High Level Week at the 77th Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where Mr. Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation from September 18 to 24.

The visit to Washington DC will provide India an opportunity to take up the latest announcement from the U.S. of $450-million package that would be used to modernise the F-16 fighter jet fleet of Pakistan. Senior Indian officials have already conveyed India's displeasure on the matter but a high-level conversation on the issue is awaited. The interaction will be part of India's continuous engagement of major dialogue partners around difficult issues like energy security against the backdrop of the Ukraine crisis and tension in Taiwan.

Bilateral ties: U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken with S. Jaishankar (right) in Phnom Penh on August 4. •AFP

As part of India's campaign for reform of the UN Security Council, the Minister will be hosting a meeting in New York with his G4 counterparts from Brazil, Japan and Germany. The G4 partners have been championing the expansion of the UNSC by increasing the number of seats from 15 to 25.

Mr. Jaishankar will also attend the High Level Meeting of the L.69 Group on "Reinvigorating Multilateralism and Achieving Comprehensive Reform of the UN Security Council." The group consists of developing countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and Small Island Developing States that are focused on the reform of the UNSC.

On September 24, Mr. Jaishankar will address an event – "India@75: Showcasing India UN Partnership in Action", which will highlight India's contribution in the field of South-South Cooperation.

He will represent India at ministerials of the Quad, IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa), BRICS, CELAC (Community of Latin American and Caribbean States) and CARICOM (Caribbean Community). Mr. Jaishankar will address the UNGA on September 24.

Congress wins bypoll in Ladakh Hill Council

Tundup defeats BJP's Namgayal

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

The Congress on Saturday won the Temisgam seat in a byelection held for the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), the only elected platform in the Union Territory of Ladakh that is without any Assembly.

Congress candidate Tashi Tundup defeated Dorjay Namgayal, a BJP candidate, by 273 votes in the bypolls in the Temisgam constituency. The Timisgam seat, earlier also won by the Congress, fell vacant after the death of councillor Sonam Dorjey. Officials said that Mr. Tundup bagged 861 votes against the rival BJP candidate who secured 588 votes. The LAHDC, constituted in 1995, has a total of 30 seats, including four nominated seats. At present, the BJP is ruling the council. The BJP won 15 seats in the 2020 elections while the Congress won nine and two were Independents.

Meanwhile, reacting to the development, senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said in a tweet: "Here is some breaking news for Modi, Shah and Azad. The Congress party has defeated the BJP by a convincing margin in the Temisgam bye-election to the Ladakh Hill Council. Congratulations to the Ladakh District Congress Committee!"

'Article 370 dilution leaves scar on J&K people's psyche'

CPI(M) will make efforts to restore our rights, says Tarigami

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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CPI(M) leader Mohamad Yousuf Tarigami on Saturday said the abrogation of provisions of Article 370 has left a deep scar on the psyche of the people of J&K.

"Our party would continue to make relentless efforts to restore our lost identity and constitutional rights. The uncertainties and uneasy calm with deep alienation pose a greater threat to the region. The abrogation of Article 370 has left a deep scar on the psyche of the people of J&K and has pushed them further to the wall," Mr. Tarigami, also spokesman of the Gupkar alliance, said.

M.Y. Tarigami

The CPI(M) held a street protest in Srinagar on Saturday. Holding placards in their hands, the supporters shouted slogans against the anti-people and repressive policies of the BJP government.

"The BJP government has taken repressive measures to contain the dissent. Hundreds of people including political, religious and social activists were booked under various draconian laws and shifted to jails outside J&K. We demand an immediate review of the cases of all those who are under detention to facilitate their release." he said.

Mr. Tarigami also questioned the government over its claims of job creation, investments and other promises in the region following the abrogation of Article 370.

3 militants arrested, say J&K police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Three local militants, who were allegedly behind the killing of a migrant labourer in north Kashmir's Bandipora in August, have been arrested, said the Jammu and Kashmir police on Saturday.

These militants were in touch with a Lashkar-e-Taiba handler in Pakistan, claimed the police.

"Three local militants, identified as Waseem Akram, Yawar Reyaz and Muzamil Sheikh, all residents of Sadunara (Bandipora), were in touch with a LeT handler Baber, who is operating from Pakistan. Baber had instructed them to kill any non-local labourer to terrorise them in order to leave the Valley and carry out more such strikes in future to revive the local militancy in Bandipora," Mohammad Zahid, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Bandipora, said.

On the intervening night of August 11-12, Amrez Masoori from Bihar, was shot dead by militants in Sadunara.

Lights, films, Valley: start-up to take movies to Kashmir

Jadooz will open mini theatres in Pulwama and Shopian

SANGEETHA KANDAVEL
CHENNAI

After more than 30 years, culture and cinema are all set for a big push in the Kashmir Valley, thanks to Chennai-based entertainment start-up Jadooz. The company which sets up mini theatres in rural pockets of India, is opening two mini theatres in Pulwama and Shopian on Sunday.

Fun activity: A mini theatre will be operational in this municipal council office in Shopian. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant-Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, will be unveiling the screens.

"During the 1980s and early 1990s, theatres here in the valley had to pull down their screens due to rise in militancy. People in this region had to travel four to six hours to watch a film," Rahul Nehra, founder and managing director of Jadooz, told *The Hindu*. "J&K had some of the most beautiful theatres three decades ago. After that, the audience was there but the cinema went missing. So with the help of the government we decided to set up operations here," he said. According to him, it took 15 days to set up the screens and get the facilities ready.

In the coming months, the start-up will come up with theatres at Adampur, Khatua, and Bhadarwah, to name a few.

Currently, the start-up has 20 screens up and running across the country and it will be adding 50 more in the coming months. "Of this, 25 will come up in J&K alone," Mr. Nehra said. "At Bhadarwah, we will be operating from an old theatre which was shut down in the 80s. This is a 120-seater theatre. We are working on it," he explained.

The start-up invests anywhere between ₹50 lakh to a crore for each of these centres depending on the location. It has earmarked around ₹25 crore for the upcoming theatres.

Founded in 2018 by actor, classical dancer and Padma Shri awardee Shobana and Mr. Nehra, a technocrat with a degree from NIT-Trichy, the start-up owns and operates entertainment zones that consist of a 30-50 seater cinema hall, virtual reality (VR) zones, interactive education zones and cafes.

Over 87,000 people donated blood: govt.

6,136 camps set up across India

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

With more than 87,000 (87,137) people voluntarily donating blood in a single day (as per provisional reports till 7.40 p.m. on Saturday), the country has surpassed the previous best of 87,059 (2014) to create a new world record on Saturday.

As many as 6,136 camps and over 1.95 lakh blood donors were registered (so far) on E-Rakt Kosh portal for the mega drive – another aspect of this nationwide effort, the Health Ministry mentioned in its release.

Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav was started by Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who on Saturday donated blood at a camp set up at Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 72nd birthday, the Union Health Ministry started a mega drive for voluntary blood donation from September 17 to October 1, which is National Voluntary Blood Donation Day.

Mansukh Mandaviya donating blood in Delhi.

The Health Ministry has also launched the E-Rakt Kosh portal, where registration for donors began on September 17.

The Arogya Setu app is another platform available for registration.

"I have done my bit for humanity. The gift of blood is a gift to someone's life. Be a proud blood donor! Share your blood donation certificate and inspire others to join this noble cause of humanity," said the Minister in a tweet.

The Ministry will also be creating a database of donors through this exercise.

Cochin Shipyard set to install missile systems on *INS Vikrant*

MD says it needs another 45 to 60 days to complete installation process; the ship has undergone five sets of sea trials

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With the indigenous aircraft carrier *INS Vikrant* now joining the Navy, its builder, Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (CSL), has to complete the installation of the LR-SAM (long-range surface-to-air missile system) and the MF-STAR (multi-functional digital active electronically scanned array) radar, according to senior shipyard officials. The Navy has stated that aviation trials are likely to begin by November.

"For us, the most important is the LR-SAM and MF-STAR installation and commissioning," Madhu S. Nair, Chairman and Managing Director, CSL, told *The Hindu*. "As the Navy would now take over and start operationalising the aviation complex, we would be backing it up."

Essentially, most of the installation has been completed. "When the flights start coming in, various tuning happens. Whatever is needed the shipyard would be backing it up," he explained. "Certain other integrations would also be happening and that would also be done by the shipyard."

"We need 45-60 days to complete their installation and the ship needs to be brought into the dry dock," Mr. Nair elaborated on the timelines.

The ship also has a guarantee period which is typically one year but can go back or forth depending on the operational requirements of the Navy, Mr. Nair added.

Naval officers on the flight deck of *INS Vikrant*.

Large parts of the aviation complex have been procured from Russia, another shipyard official said.

LR-SAM is a joint development by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) of Israel, and is manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Ltd. MF-STAR is manufactured by the IAI and is also in service on other frontline warships of the Indian Navy.

INS Vikrant, which was commissioned into the Navy on September 2, has undergone five sets of sea trials since August 2021, which both the shipyard and Navy officials said were extremely successful.

However, the aviation trials are to be carried out post-commissioning.

Explaining this, the Vice-Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice-Admiral S.N. Ghormade, said that since the full crew was not there before commissioning, all trials could be done. "After commissioning, when the complete crew is there, all systems are in place, only then aircraft landing trials happen, which is also a practice in advanced nations which build carriers," he stated.

Designed by the Directorate of Naval Design and constructed by CSL, *INS Vikrant*, with a displacement of 42,800 tonnes, is powered by four General Electric engines and can carry an air wing of 30 helicopters, fighters, and unmanned aerial vehicles. The keel was laid in 2009 and was launched into water in 2013.

The ship uses an aircraft-operation mode known as Short Take Off But Arrested Recovery (STOBAR) for which it is equipped with a ski-jump for launching aircraft, and a set of three 'arrester wires' for their recovery onboard.

Initially, the carrier would be operating the existing Mig-29Ks in service, while a decision on the procurement of an advanced fighter, between the Boeing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet and the Dassault Aviation Rafale, is expected in the next few months.

IN BRIEF

Kedarnath priests oppose gold plating move

DEHRADUN

A section of priests in Kedarnath have opposed the gold plating of the walls inside the sanctum sanctorum of Kedarnath temple. The protesting seers said that the facelift of the ancient temple is against tradition and will disturb the structure that survived centuries of harsh weather and several disasters. The anonymous donor had agreed to afford all the renovation cost that would be incurred in the process. PTI

Murmu leaves for London to attend Queen's funeral

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu left for London on Saturday to attend the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II and to offer condolences on behalf of the Indian government. Queen Elizabeth II, who died aged 96 at Balmoral Castle in Scotland on September 8, will be laid to rest at Westminster Abbey on September 19. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar had visited the British High Commission on September 12 to convey the condolences. PTI

Bomb blast in Bengal school triggers panic

KOLKATA

A crude bomb explosion rocked a school building in the West Bengal's North 24 Paraganas on Saturday trigerring panic among the students and teachers. Bombs were allegedly thrown on the roof of the institution at about 11. 45 a.m. when classes were under way at Titagarh High school. Senior police officials reached the school and started a probe into the incident.

Congress in Rajasthan wants Rahul back at helm of the party

Madhusudan Mistry says plea won't have a bearing on presidential poll schedule

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JAIPUR/NEW DELHI

In a sign that the Gandhi family loyalists have not given up on Rahul Gandhi, the Rajasthan Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) on Saturday unanimously passed a resolution, calling for the appointment of Mr. Gandhi as the party chief.

The resolution could also set off a domino effect with other State units passing similar resolutions to add to the growing chorus of "Rahul as party chief".

The Rajasthan PCC's move, barely a week before the actual process for filing of nominations is set to begin, comes amid speculation that Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot could be elevated as the Congress president.

On Saturday, Mr. Gehlot himself proposed the resolution for making Mr. Gandhi the Congress chief, in the presence of 400 PCC delegates who will be casting their vote in the election.

Reacting to the development, Madhusudan Mistry, chairman of the Central Election Authority (CEA), told *The Hindu* that the PCC resolution had no bearing on the presidential polls and the CEA would move with the election schedule announced earlier.

Last-ditch effort: The PCC passed a resolution on Saturday to appoint Rahul Gandhi the party chief. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

"As far as we (the CEA) are concerned, the presidential polls will be held as scheduled. Whoever files the nomination and doesn't withdraw finally, they will be considered as candidates," Mr. Mistry told *The Hindu*.

Geholt for chief?

While Mr. Gehlot has been giving conflicting signals on his next move, despite the Congress high command asking him to lead the party, Mr. Gandhi, former Congress chief and Lok Sabha member from Wayanad, has dropped a clear hint that he is not willing to take back the reins of the party.

On August 23, *The Hindu* reported that incumbent Congress chief Sonia Gandhi asked Mr. Gehlot to lead the party.

The Rajasthan Chief Minister had recently affirmed that he was not going to stay away from Rajasthan till his last breath, irrespective of any responsibility that could be assigned to him.

At Saturday's meeting, all the PCC members supported the resolution in favour of Mr. Gandhi by "raising their hands", Food and Civil Supplies Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas told reporters.

The meeting of the newly elected PCC members from different districts was convened to authorise the party high command to appoint the State Congress president and All India Congress Committee (AICC) delegates from the State in the presence of AICC general secretary in charge of Rajasthan Ajay Maken.

With Gandhi family loyalists once again exerting pressure ahead of the presidential elections, questions are being raised if there would actually be a contest.

There is also a debate about authorising the incoming party chief to nominate AICC members who elect members to the Congress Working Committee (CWC), the party's highest decision-making body.

"What's the point of elections if you have to authorise the incoming president to nominate AICC members? This means the CWC would be a rubber stamp," a senior leader said.

"In a country where no major political party has internal democracy to chose its President, the Congress party is undertaking painstaking efforts to conduct fair elections, including pioneering measures such as QR-coded ID cards for all delegates. Armchair cynics can always nitpick but the truth is the CEA is fully prepared to conduct internal elections," Praveen Chakravarty, head of the Congress's data analytics department, said.

Jet that flew in cheetahs had earned its stripes

It was the flagship for an earlier conservation campaign

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CHENNAI

The Terra Avia Boeing 747-400 that flew in the eight African cheetahs from Windhoek, Namibia to Gwalior on Saturday was on a special mission, but the aircraft itself had been the flagship of another conservation campaign much earlier.

The jet's striking paint scheme – the image of a tiger – was planned in 2015 when the aircraft was with the Russian carrier Transaero Airlines, now defunct. The plane, first owned by Singapore Airlines in 2001, was acquired by an American bank in 2012. It was later leased to Transaero.

As part of the project, known as the 'Striped Flight', the visual was to run across parts of the fuselage, with the nose to sport the head of one of the world's largest big cats, the endangered Russian Amur tiger.

The jet's paint scheme was planned in 2015 when it was with a Russian carrier. • PTI

Putin's tiger project

In an email to *The Hindu*, Andrey Shorshin, Press Secretary of the Amur Tiger Center, said the special livery, "Caring for Tigers together", was unveiled on June 22, 2015, at Moscow's Vnukovo airport. The scheme, which was a joint project by the Tiger Center and Transaero, had the goal of highlighting the need to conserve endangered species. In a survey conducted in 2015, the number of Amur tigers in the wild in Russia had been found to have stabilised between 510 and 540 individuals. Mr. Shorshin added that conservation of the Amur tiger was a key theme foregrounded by Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Tiger Summit in 2010.

Under the campaign, Transaero planned an extensive social media programme under the tag "Wildlife". Documentaries produced by the Amur Tiger Center were also screened for passengers on the 'Striped Flight'.

In another email, Anton Tretiakov, CEO, Aquiline International Corporation Limited – one of the partners in the cheetah translocation project to India – said Aquiline International, which provides charter services and leasing of long-haul freighters, had been contacted by Action Aviation to undertake the India flight.

Modifying the jet

He said that after Transaero had folded up, the jumbo jet had been stored in Spain from 2015 to early 2022. It was moved to Sharjah for a complete maintenance check. The jetliner was then flown to Fujairah to remove the seats and made ready for the 'cheetah mission'.

On the preparations for the flight, the official said there were 13 veterinarians. The team began their work for the flight two weeks before their departure to Namibia. He said that as there were certain temperature and pressure limits required for the safe airfreighting of the wild animals from Namibia to India, the Boeing 747 was considered the best option for the operation.

'Cheetahs are a diversion tactic by govt.'

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NEW DELHI

The Congress called Prime Minister Narendra Modi's releasing the cheetahs in a Madhya Pradesh national park a "*tamasha*," aimed at diverting attention from important national issues such as unemployment and the 'Bharat Jodo Yatra'.

Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh also recalled that it was the Congress-led UPA government that had first thought of the cheetah project.

"PM hardly ever acknowledges continuity in governance. Cheetah project going back to my visit to Capetown on 25.04.2010 is the latest example," Mr. Ramesh, who was the Environment and Forest minister, tweeted on Saturday.

While several Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Shashi Tharoor wished the Prime Minister on his birthday, the Congress also used the occasion to target his government over unemployment and price rise.

"Eight cheetahs have come. Now tell us why 16 crore jobs have not come in the past eight years," tweeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, referring to the BJP's pre-2014 Lok Sabha election promise of providing two crore jobs every year.

Addressing a press conference, party spokesperson Supriya Shrinate said, "It worries and pains me that Mr. Modi's birthday is being celebrated by the youth of this country as National Unemployment Day".

The Indian Youth Congress (IYC), led by B. V. Srinivas, organised '*Berojgari Mela* (unemployment fairs)' across the country to mark Mr. Modi's birthday.

Kin of Lakhimpur victims demand death penalty for accused

Six persons have been arrested for the alleged rape and murder of two teenage Dalit sisters in this Uttar Pradesh district

MAYANK KUMAR
LAKHIMPUR KHERI

Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh is once again in the news for the wrong reasons after the bodies of two teenage Dalit sisters were found hanging from a tree in a village in the Nighasan police station limits on Wednesday. The family of the victims has now demanded capital punishment for the men accused of raping the girls before killing them.

Six persons have been arrested on charges of rape and murder. While Chotu Gautam hails from the same village as the victims, the other five –Suhail, Hafizul Rehman, Junaid, Karimuddin and Arif – are from a neighbouring village.

The post-mortem examination, conducted late on September 14 at Lakhimpur Kheri District Hospital, revealed that the girls had faced sexual violence before being murdered.

They were abducted

"Give death sentence to the culprits," the mother of the girls said. She had filed the complaint on which the first information report (FIR) was registered by the police on Wednesday. The content of the FIR, which was accessed by *The Hindu*, reads, "Three unknown boys came with Chotu, from our village to my house and started manhandling my daughters. When I opposed (them) one of them kicked me and forcibly took my daughters on the bike and fled. After searching for many hours, the bodies of my daughters were found hanging from a tree on a farm. The petitioner fully believes that the two teenage girls were raped before being murdered."

The FIR has been registered under Sections 302 (murder), 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 452 (criminal house trespass), 376 (rape) of the Indian Penal Code, and Sections 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

CM's relief

The family was earlier reluctant to perform the last rites before their demands were fulfilled. Later on Thursday, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath instructed officials to provide compensation of ₹25 lakh, a house, and farming land to the family.

The elder brother of the girls said: "We want death sentence for the six persons at the earliest and a bulldozer to raze their houses."

The younger girl was studying at a nearby college. When asked how the girls were helping the family, the brother, who works at a private factory in Delhi, said, "Since my mother's uterus operation, both of them were taking care of the family and helping in whatever way possible."

After the incident, a few police personnel have been deployed by the district administration outside the house of the victim to maintain law and order.

There is a lot of anger among the villagers.

"What has happened is very disturbing, the culprits must be hanged. The family has lost everything," said Ramesh, a villager.

Opposition slams BJP

A number of political leaders, including a Congress delegation, visited the family on Friday. Local BJP legislator Shashank Verma also visited the grief-stricken family.

Former Chief Minister and Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said: "Under the BJP rule, caste oppression is forcing Dalit families to migrate. The truth is that the lives of innocents are completely unsafe under the BJP government and criminal elements are fearless. The reality is that anarchy is rampant in Uttar Pradesh under the BJP rule."

Lakhimpur Kheri district, located roughly 140 km from the State capital of Lucknow, has been making headlines in the past few years due to the cases of crime against women. In August 2020, a case of rape and murder of minor girls aged three was reported from the district.

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Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) invites e-Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following work under KFON project.
Name of the work: Supply, Install, Configure, Test and Commissioning of ISP Hardware and Software for Kerala Fibre Optic Network.
Last date for submission of e-tender: 3:00 pm on 20/10/2022
Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Date: 18/09/2022 **Managing Director**
Trivandrum **Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited**

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER (PPP) PWD, RAJASTHAN, JAIPUR
No. F.7 (652)/SHA/PPP/WB/2021-22/D-1125 Date : 09.09.2022
Notice Inviting Tender (26/2022-23)
RFP for **"Consultancy services for Pilot Speed Management Program for High Risk corridor in Rajasthan"** are sought from the interest consulting firms upto 11:30 AM on 10.10.2022. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in) of the state; and department website. The indicative cost for the Consultancy Services is Rs. 2.20 crore.
UBN: (PWD2223SSOB07105)
(Dinesh Kumar Agarwal)
Addl. Chief Engineer (PPP)
PWD Rajasthan Jaipur
DIPR/C/11788

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI
BIRRD TRUST HOSPITAL, TIRUPATI
e-TENDER NOTICE
BIRRD Trust Hospital, TTD, Tirupati is inviting re-Tenders from the eligible Manufacturers / Firms/ Authorised Distributors for the Work **"Rate Contract Supply of Orthopedic Trauma Implants on Consignment Case to Case Basis to BIRRD Hospital for a period of two Years"**, NIT RDC No. TTD-104021(31)/55/2022- BIRRD & Tender ID : 543621 in AP eProc. Portal. Date of upload Tender on 19-09-2022 and closing date : 04-10-2022. For details log on to the website:https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in & http://www.tirumala.org. Contact No. 8639885454
RDC No. PR4/13946/Adv. No.219/ PRO/2022, Dated: 17.09.2022 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

TAMIL NADU CEMENTS CORPORATION LIMITED
(A GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU UNDERTAKING)
5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.
e- tender notice

e-Tender Ref. Nos.	NAME OF THE WORKS	Est. Value in Rs.	EMD in Rs.	Due Date
43/2022-23	Appointment of contractors for outsourcing of Limestone Mining operations at Arandaivadi Mines, Ariyalur District,T.N	22.94 Crore	15,00,000	18.10.2022
44/2022-23	Appointment of contractor for supply of manpower to various departments at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur District,T.N	20.13 Crore per annum	10,00,000	06.10.2022

Important Note: For e-tender nos. 43 & 44, a pre-bid meeting will be held on 23.09.2022 at 3.00 p.m & 4.30 p.m respectively at TANCEM, Corporate Office, 5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035. The Tender document can be downloaded from www.tntenders.gov.in Corrigendum /Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.
DIPR/4160/TENDER/2022 **GENERAL MANAGER (MARKETING)**

MALABAR CEMENTS LIMITED
(A Government of Kerala Undertaking)
An ISO 9001:2015, 14001:2015 Company, Walayar Post, Palakkad - 678624 - Kerala
Email : materials@malabarcements.com/ballmill@malabarcements.com
TENDER NOTICE
Supply of Special Steel Cord Belt 720 MM Supply of Cement Mill Diaphragm Liner Plates Supply of Cement Mill Pinion Bearings Supply, Erection, Installation and Commissioning of 145 KV SF6 Circuit Breaker Supply of 160 KW VFD Panel Supply of Explosives Disposal of Scrap, Thro: 'MSTC'– 1. Disposal of Old Vehicles Honda City Supply of 4000 MT Granulated Blast Furnace Slag to Malabar Cements Ltd, Walayar on for Walayar Basis.
Sd/- MANAGING DIRECTOR

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMC)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar-751 001
Tel.:(0674) 2380608; Website: www.osmcl.nic.in
Email: proc.osmcl.od@nic.in
Assuring Quality, Saving Lives
Notification No.6855/OSMCL/2022 **Date : 17.09.2022**
NOTICE INVITING RE-TENDER FOR PROCUREMENT OF DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES FROM PROSPECTIVE DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES THROUGH EMPANELMENT TO CONDUCT MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY TESTS OF SAMPLES COLLECTED AT VARIOUS GOVT. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES
Online Bids through **e-Tender portal (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)** are invited from eligible bidders for **procurement of diagnostic services from prospective diagnostic centres through empanelment to conduct molecular pathology tests as per the particulars mentioned below:**

Sl.	Bid Reference No.	Item Name	Bid Document Cost inclusive of GST (Rs.)
1.	OSMCL/2022-23/ EMPANELMENT MOLECULAR TESTS (Re-Tender) / 13	Re-Tender for Procurement Of Diagnostic Services From Prospective Diagnostic Centres Through Empanelment To Conduct Molecular Pathology Tests Of Samples Collected At Various Govt. Healthcare Facilities	5,600/-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	17.09.2022, 5 PM	
2.	Date & time of Pre-bid meeting	21.09.2022, 11 AM Venue : Conference Hall, Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., Convent Square, Unit-III, Bhubaneswar	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		26.09.2022, 3 PM	13.10.2022, 5 PM
4.	Date & time of online Technical Bid Opening	15.10.2022, 3 PM	
5.	Date of demonstration of Equipment (If required by the Tender Inviting Authority for some equipments)	To be informed to those bidders whose bids are found to be technically responsive based on documents furnished in technical bid.	
6.	Date of opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and other terms & conditions are available in the websites: **www.osmcl.nic.in** and **https://tendersodisha.gov.in.** OSMCL reserves the right to reject or modify any conditions of the tender or cancel the tender or cancel the issued purchase order at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.
Sd/-
Managing Director, OSMC Ltd., Odisha
CAD-1868 OPR-1012/11/0040/2223

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
Tender Notice No. OHE/CN/DyCEE/22-23/05/180 Date: 16-09-2022
For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer /OHE, Construction, Southern Railway, Chennai Egmore invites E-Tender for the following works.
"OHE Electrification of 2 CAMTECH Standard Pit lines along with associated works at Basin Bridge coaching yard in Chennai Division of Southern Railway"
Tender Value : Rs. 79,30,708.08/-
Tender closing date and time : 10.10.2022 at 11,00 hrs. For more details visit **www.ireps.gov.in**
Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer
OHE Electrical Construction
Chennai
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TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION FOR BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEMWISE TENDER SYSTEM – (IInd Call)

IFB No.	45 / F.O&M/Out sourcing of CWSS/DO/2022/dt.16.09.2022- (Short term)		
Eligibility	Class I Contractors		
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Integrated Office Complex, First Floor, No.243/2, Thanjavur-Trichy Main Road, Pillaiyarpotty, Thanjavur - 613 403.		
Sale of Bid	19.09.2022 to 30.09.2022 upto 05.45 pm		
Pre Bid meeting	26.09.2022 at 11.00 AM at the office of the CE,TWAD Board, Thanjavur		
Downloading (free of cost)	www.tenders.tn.gov.in and www.twadboard.tn.gov.in		
Bid Submission	03.10.2022 upto 3.00 PM at the office of the Tender Invitee		
Bid opening	03.10.2022 at 3.30 PM at the office of the Tender Invitee		
IFB No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crore)	Bid Security (Rs.in lakhs)
Outsourcing of Operation and Maintenance of CWSS from 16.10.2022 to 31.03.2023			
45	CWSS to 1751 Habitations in Pudukkottai District.	Rs. 5.14	Rs. 3.86

DIPR/ 4161 /TENDER/2022 **Chief Engineer (I/c),**
TWAD Board, Thanjavur.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL & CONTROLLER, DR. S. N. MEDICAL COLLEGE & ASSOCIATED GROUP OF HOSPITALS, JODHPUR
Shastri Nagar, Residency Road, Jodhpur (Raj). 342001 Ph: 0291-2434374
E-mail: principal.drsnmc.jod@rajasthan.gov.in, prmedclg-jod-rj@nic.in
No. F. 6(i) Store/SNMC/JU/2022-23/2503-06 Dated : 7.9.22
NOTICE INVITING BID No. 13/2022-23 (E-tender)
Bids for Supply and installation of DNA Finger Print Lab Equipments at M.G. Hospital, Jodhpur, Dr. S. N. Medical College Jodhpur invited from interested bidders up to 05:00 P.M. dated **29.09.2022**. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** and also be seen at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** of the state procurement portal and **https://education.rajasthan.gov.in/dsmcjodhpur#** departmental website.
UBN Number :-
SMC2223GLOB00226
DIPR/C/11718 **Principal & Controller**

SAINIK SCHOOL KODAGU
(Under Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India)
PO Kudige Dist: Kodagu, Karnataka PIN: 571232
RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION
Applications are invited for various vacancies at Sainik School Kodagu and the details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts Type of Post	Age as on 01 DEC 2022	Category
1	TGT-English	01 (Regular)	21-35 Years	Unreserved
2	TGT-Hindi	01 (Contractual)	21-40 Years	ST
3	Craft Instructor	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	Unreserved
4	Band Master	01 (Contractual)	21-35 Years	Unreserved
5	Office Superintendent	01 (Contractual)	18-50 Years	Unreserved

How to Apply. For detailed Notification including reservation criteria, salary and Application Form, visit School website **www.sainikschoolkodagu.edu.in** from **18 Sep 2022 (Sunday).** The School administration reserves the right to cancel any or all vacancies due to administrative reasons. Last date of receipt of filled in applications is **15 Oct 2022 (Saturday).**
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U.P. Urdu Akademi, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow
Contact No. 7081007090, 9670007090, 9415546767
Last Date for Online Form Submission : 30.09.2022
Date of Admission Test : 16.10.2022
Please Contact Between 10:00 am to 06:00 pm
S.M. ADIL HASAN SECRETARY **SHAFQAT KAMAL** (Retired IAS) DIRECTOR **CHAUDHARY KAIFUL WARA** CHAIRMAN

Vampire facial anyone? Untrained hands push it as a 'post-COVID' indulgence

Doctors see high number of patients whose wellness treatments have gone haywire; Delhi Medical Council recently issued notice after botched hair transplant

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

A post-COVID rush to wellness centres for an "immunity boost and a healthy glow" has left doctors worried about the quick-fix treatments that these centres promise.

As these "remedies to look good and feel fresh", packaged so well by the centres, have started gaining traction and drawing customers in huge numbers, doctors have cautioned against making a beeline for these centres, confirming that they have received patients coming in after "magic treatments" go haywire.

What is adding to the worry is the fact that many of these services are now offered at home. So basically invasive healthcare procedures get done without trained doctors and adequate equipment and safety back-up, doctors caution.

Popular treatments include IV drips of essential vitamins and nutrients, vampire facials and repeated chemical peels.

Dr. Amit Bangia, associate director, dermatology, Asian Hospital, says that while COVID-19 pandemic may be on the decline, post-COVID symptoms are persisting. Fatigue and dullness are among the most visible symptoms. The increased screen time during the pandemic too has been enervating. This, coupled with a lack of exercise, poor skincare routine and use of steroids to treat COVID-19, is pushing people into wellness and skincare clinics.

Speaking about the ill-effects of such treatments, he says the market currently has a lot of quick fixes which get done without adequate checks and balance.

"We are getting patients with complaints of cases gone wrong. Take for example a very popular treatment – vampire facial. This involves using the customer's own blood which is extracted and mixed with other nutrients and used in a procedure. But when offered by untrained and unqualified professionals, who neither understand skin nor the sterile conditions required for the procedure, problems and infections will definitely be seen," he says.

Tackling stress

Chemists too state that supplements aimed at helping people tackle stress, sleep, anxiety and hair loss are flying off the shelves. "Post COVID, the days of taking Vitamin E, B, C and D supplements, using alternative healthcare support or going by the age-old wisdom of eat-sleep-exercise and keeping stress at bay don't seem to have the same appeal. We have seen a steady and growing market for supplements," said a popular chemist at Central Delhi.

"Everyone wants results and they want it quick. So what better than a pill or an IV drip? These should not be treated as walk-in, on-demand procedures as each comes with its own set of drawbacks. There has to be a proper protocol starting from giving the patients information, counselling them about the procedure and telling them upfront about the complications, after-care required, benefit of the treatment and the cost involved. We do get cases where patients come in with side-effects of botched procedures done by people who are not qualified and with equipment that is not standardised. Quality control is a key factor in this field. Looking and feeling good should be achieved in a safe, sustained manner," Dr. Nivedita Dadu, skin specialist, says.

Quick fix: Popular treatments are IV drips of essential vitamins and vampire facials. •GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Worried about this, the Delhi Medical Council earlier this month issued a public notice (against salons and such establishments doing hair transplants, another invasive procedure) warning that those performing highly technical procedures that require expertise and skill of a trained professional without the adequate people and infrastructure would invite legal action. "This is following the case of a person's death in Delhi after a hair-transplant surgery went wrong," said Dr. Girish Tyagi, Registrar, Delhi Medical Council.

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Dr. Dinesh Kumar Devaraj, secretary-general, Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists & Leprologists, says that one of the major issues they were facing is that patients are over-promised or given to believe that unrealistic expectations will be fulfilled.

"COVID has left behind several issues. Acute and increased hair fall, chronic fatigue, weight gain after the initial loss are the most common issues. So then tagging invasive medical procedures as 'wellness or salon service' expose the patients to a lot of harm. Procedures which are not approved, procedures not done by qualified trained professionals, procedures not done under sterile, strict aseptic controlled conditions without following proper protocols are a problem," he said.

Popular wellness clinics, speaking about the concern among doctors, say the "highest standards of patient care and training are offered".

Wellness market

"There is no question of laxity and we do provide counselling, evaluation, recovery support, trained professionals and the best equipment in the market," says the staff of one such clinic in central Delhi.

The overall wellness market in India comes to ₹490 billion (by some estimates) and wellness services alone make up 40% of this market. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry,a non-governmental trade association and advocacy group based in India, notes that the wellness industry in India has evolved rapidly from its nascent unstructured beginning in the early 1990s to a comprehensive ecosystem today.

It states that the government faces challenges mainly because the wellness centres are unorganised to a high extent. "There is difficulty in application of control over the unorganised sector, implementing a control mechanism for regular monitoring and auditing unorganised players is tough," it notes.

It adds that hurdles in creating awareness in consumers of the benefits and safety of the centres which are compliant and accredited further aggravates the problem.

New rules for child welfare panel members

Bar on persons associated with bodies getting foreign funds

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The recently amended rules for implementation of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015, bar a person associated with an organisation receiving foreign funds to be part of child welfare committees (CWCs), which are tasked with giving directions for care and protection of children who are abused, exploited, abandoned or orphaned.

The Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection Amendment) Model Amendment Rules, 2022, were notified on September 1 and came into effect immediately. This follows the passage of the Juvenile Justice (Amendment) Bill, 2021 in Parliament in July last year. The rules make several changes to aspects under the Act including those that govern adoption, foster care and sponsorship, and modify eligibility criteria for joining the CWCs.

Rule 15 (4B) says "a person associated with an organisation receiving foreign contribution shall not be eligible to be a chairperson or member of the committee."

Rule 15 (4C) also says that any person working on the implementation of the Act in any NGO or organisation such that it causes conflict of interest will also be ineligible to be on a CWC. It adds that those who have "any family member" or "close relation" working for an NGO will be disqualified. Any person working in rescue and rehabilitation in the district, or a person representing someone running a child care institution or member of the Board or Trust of any NGO can also not be on a CWC.

Those on CWC have the power of a magistrate and also receive a salary from the government... and are therefore equivalent to government officials, who are barred under FCRA from receiving foreign funds
PRIYANK KANOONGO
Chairperson of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

Authority in cases

A CWC appointed by the State government under the Act has the authority to dispose of cases of children in need of care and protection brought before them. It can also order an inquiry to ensure their safety and well-being and give an order for their rehabilitation either in family-based care such as through restoration to family or guardian, adoption, foster care or send them to child care institutions.

When a senior official of the Women and Child Development Ministry was asked about the possible conflict of interest due to receiving of foreign funds or relatives working at an NGOs, he only replied, "Detailed discussions were held on this."

The Chairperson of the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Priyank Kanoongo, explained the changes and said, "Those on CWC have the power of a magistrate and also receive a salary from the government... and are therefore equivalent to government officials, who are barred under FCRA from receiving foreign funds."

"A lot of people appointed to CWCs come from the NGO sector. Where will these people now come from? The rules are also overboard and do not define who is a family member or a close relative. This will reduce the pool of human resource available for appointments to CWC," says Bharti Ali, Co-founder, HAQ- Centre for Child Rights.

Govt. gives top priority to skill training: Modi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Industrial training institutes (ITIs) will have an important role to play in the era of the fourth Industrial Revolution, and therefore the government has ensured modern courses in sectors such as coding, AI, robotics, 3D printing, drone technology, and telemedicine are offered by them, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday.

The youth of India should be equally proficient in education and skills, and the government has given top priority for creation of new institutions for skill training, he added.

Mr. Modi was addressing more than nine lakh students of ITIs on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti. Vishwakarma is worshipped as the god who is the divine architect. Artists, craftsmen, weavers, carpenters and construction workers offer prayers on this day.

He said that the government's efforts to ensure expansion of technology has provided more job opportunities. "Be it mobile repair work in the village or work concerning new technology in agriculture, spraying fertilizer or be it supplying medicine with the help of drones, many new jobs are being added to the rural economy," Mr. Modi said.

'Fishing' for luck

On point: An angler during the Kashmir Fly Fishing Competition on the Lidder river organised by the Jammu and Kashmir Tourism Department in Pahalgam on Saturday. •NISSAR AHMAD

Auction of gifts to Prime Minister begins

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The fourth edition of the Union Culture Ministry's e-auction of gifts given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi began on Saturday, his birthday.

Among the items that received the most bids was a metal '*shankh*' that had received 31 bids as of 6.30 p.m., taking the price from a base of ₹8,600 to ₹4,27,400.

A lifetime membership card of the National Cadets Corps Alumni Association given to Mr. Modi by the NCC in 2021 was also among the most bid-upon items, with 15 bids taking it from a base price of ₹1,100 to ₹3,600.

The auction began at 10 a.m., with 1,222 items up for grabs through the website dedicated to this purpose pmmementos.gov.in.

The auction will be on till October 2 and the proceeds would go towards the Namami Gange project.

As of 6.30 p.m., a few of the featured mementoes, including sports equipment signed by the Commonwealth and Paralympic Games athletes and a model of Subhas Chandra Bose's statue placed at the India Gate recently (all with the base price of ₹5 lakh), had not received any bids.

However, during the last auction conducted in 2021, the javelin used by Olympic gold-medallist Neeraj Chopra had fetched a price of ₹1.5 crore.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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'Crime scripts' to unravel illegal trade of marine species

Detailed analysis conducted by WCS-India showed that Tamil Nadu recorded most seizures between 2015 and 2021

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

An analysis of the illegal trade of marine species in India between 2015 and 2021 pointed out that sea cucumbers were the most frequently seized marine species group. Tamil Nadu recorded the highest enforcement action with 126 seizure incidents of the marine species.

The study conducted by the Counter Wildlife Trafficking team of the WCS-India (Wildlife Conservation Society-India) recorded 187 media reports citing marine wildlife seizures by various enforcement agencies in India from 2015 to 2021.

"A total of 187 incidents of illegal trade of marine species were collated between January 2015 and December 2021. Data collected for seven groups of marine wildlife species were analysed within the report, which includes sea cucumber, coral, *Syngnathidae* (seahorse and pipefish), *Elasmobranch* (shark and ray), seashell, sea fan and sea turtle," stated the recently released report titled "Illegal trade of marine species in India: 2015-2021".

The report pointed out that collectively, 64,172 kg plus 988 individual (unweighed) sea cucumbers were seized by the enforcement agencies in Tamil Nadu, Lakshadweep and the Andaman Islands. Of the 187 incidents of the illegal trade of marine species, 122 incidents involved the seizure of sea cucumber.

The document not only provided insights into the nature, the volume and the extent of the illegal marine trade across the country but also analysed the incidents involving the illegal sea cucumber trade. They were further researched using "crime scripts", to understand how the smuggling networks operated. The crime script had been prepared on the basis of the 122 incidents of seizure bringing out what went into the preparation, pre-activity, activity and post-activity phase of the smuggling of the marine group of species.

Officials inspecting processed sea cucumber seized in Ramanathapuram district in Tamil Nadu. •FILE PHOTO

The report pointed out that due to the legalised trade of sea cucumbers in countries with close proximity to India, the sea cucumber consignments were often smuggled through those countries, to be laundered and then re-exported to the Southeast Asia markets.

Marine biologist Vardhan Patankar said that the illegal marine trade, although common, often went unreported due to the nature of the trade and as a result, the civil society, the policymakers and the local communities were left in the dark about the scale of the problem, making it hard to investigate the report and analyse.

While the most incidents of seizure (122) were of sea cucumbers, sea fan followed with 20, seahorse and pipefish 18, seashell 18 incidents, shark and rays 15, sea coral 12 and sea turtle five.

State-wise data

Similarly in terms of State-wise seizures, Tamil Nadu (with 126 seizures) was followed by Maharashtra (13 incidents), Lakshadweep (12 incidents) and Karnataka (eight incidents). Marine wildlife incidents were reported across 18 States, including the eight coastal States and the two island territories, the report stated. The document also cautioned that a high number of seizure incidents alone "does not always indicate a high frequency of wildlife crime, and it may be a result of effective enforcement or more media interest".

Aaron Savio Lobo, Senior Advisor Marine program at WCS-India said that when it came to illegally traded marine wildlife, the largest volumes were harvested as an incidental catch in unselective fisheries such as trawling and gillnetting. "This includes the likes of seahorses, sharks, manta and devil rays. This is unlike the most terrestrial traded wildlife species which are directly harvested. Countering marine wildlife trade thereby requires paradigm changes in fisheries management as a whole to reduce their capture in the first place," he added.

The report threw light on international illegal marine trade routes. "Out of the 122 sea cucumber incidents recorded between 2015 and 2021, 34 incidents either mentioned attempts to illicitly export sea cucumbers to neighbouring countries or countries with established markets for trade. Sri Lanka (26 incidents), China (six incidents) and Malaysia (two incidents) were recorded as countries that are either transit locations or destinations of trade," it said.

Pressure mounts on Russia amid setbacks

Russian forces are setting up a new defensive line in Ukraine's northeast after their forced retreat

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KYIV

Pressure on Russian President Vladimir Putin mounted both on the battlefield and in the halls of global power as Ukrainian troops waging a counteroffensive pushed on Saturday to advance farther into the country's partly recaptured northeast.

At a high-level summit in Uzbekistan, Mr. Putin vowed to press his attack on Ukraine despite recent military setbacks. He also had to address concerns over the drawn-out conflict voiced by India and China.

Fresh salvo: Service members of pro-Russian troops firing a mortar in the direction of Avdiivka in Donetsk. • REUTERS

Diplomatic push

The hurried retreat of his troops this month from parts of a northeast region they occupied early in the war, together with the rare public reservations expressed by key allies, underscored the challenges Mr. Putin faces on all fronts. Both China and India maintain strong ties with Russia and had sought to remain neutral on Ukraine.

Mr. Xi, in a statement released by his government, expressed support for Russia's "core interests" but also interest in working together to "inject stability" into world affairs. Mr. Modi said he wanted to discuss "how we can move forward on the path of peace."

On the battlefront, Western defence officials and analysts on Saturday said Russian forces were apparently setting up a new defensive line in Ukraine's northeast after Kyiv's troops broke through the previous one and tried to press their advances further into the east.

The British Defence Ministry said during a briefing that the line likely is between the Oskil river and Svatove, some 150 km southeast of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.

The new line emerged after the Ukrainian counteroffensive punched a hole through the war's previous frontline, allowing Kyiv's soldiers to recapture large swathes of land in the northeastern Kharkiv region that borders Russia.

Ukrainian forces, in the meantime, continue to cross the Oskil river in the Kharkiv region as they try to press on in a counteroffensive targeting Russian-occupied territory, according to the Washington-based Institute for the Study of War.

The Institute said in its Saturday report that satellite imagery it examined suggest that Ukrainian forces have crossed over to the east bank of the Oskil in Kupiansk, placing artillery there. The river, which flows south from Russia into Ukraine, had been a natural break in the newly emerged frontlines since Ukraine launched its push about a week ago.

"Russian forces are likely too weak to prevent further Ukrainian advances along the entire Oskil River if Ukrainian forces choose to resume offensive operations," the institute said.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, Russian forces continued to pound cities and villages with missile strikes and shelling. In the southern Zaporizhzhia region, one person was wounded when Russian forces shelled the city of Orikhiv, the region's Governor Oleksandr Starukh said.

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan hold talks to end border fighting

At least 24 killed, over 100 injured in clashes this week

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The security chiefs of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan sat down for talks on Saturday to stop fighting on the border between the two countries that so far has killed at least 24 people and wounded over 100.

The Kyrgyz border service announced the new round of talks as the two ex-Soviet nations traded blame for shelling that resumed on Saturday morning after what appeared to be a brief respite overnight.

The fighting, which started Wednesday for no obvious or publicly announced reason, intensified on Friday. Kyrgyzstan's Health Ministry said early on Saturday that the bodies of 24 people killed in the clashes were delivered to hospitals in the Batken region that borders Tajikistan.

Heightened hostility: Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov with his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rakhmon in Samarkand. • REUTERS

Kyrgyz hospitals and clinics also treated 103 people wounded in the shelling, the ministry said. It wasn't immediately clear whether there were any casualties on Tajikistan's side.

Tajik authorities, however, accused Kyrgyz forces of destroying a mosque and targeting civilian infrastructure, including residential buildings.

The Presidents of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, Sadyr Japarov and Emomali Rakhmon, met on Friday at the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Uzbekistan to discuss the border situation.

Biden warns Putin against use of nuclear weapons in Ukraine

'Any such move by Russia would change the face of war'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

U.S. President Joe Biden has warned his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin against using chemical or tactical nuclear weapons in the wake of serious losses in his war in Ukraine.

"Don't. Don't. Don't," Mr. Biden said, in an excerpt from an interview with CBS that was aired on Friday.

Mr. Biden was responding to an interviewer's question about the possibility of Mr. Putin, whose Army is incurring heavy losses in the Ukraine counteroffensive this month, resorting to chemical or tactical nuclear weapons.

Joe Biden

"You would change the face of war unlike anything since Second World War," Mr. Biden said.

"They will become more of a pariah in the world, more than they have ever been," the U.S. leader added.

Ukraine has recaptured swathes of territory in the east from occupying Russian forces in recent weeks, boosted by heavy weapons supplied by Western allies.

But Mr. Putin remained steadfast, saying the war was proceeding according to plan.

"The plan is not subject to adjustment," Mr. Putin said on Friday. "Our offensive operations in Donbas itself do not stop. They are going at a slow pace."

EU wants war crimes tribunal over mass grave

Most of 450 bodies 'show torture signs'

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PRAGUE

The Czech Republic, which currently holds the EU presidency, on Saturday called for the establishment of an international tribunal for war crimes after a new mass grave was found in Ukraine.

The appeal follows the discovery of around 450 graves outside the formerly Russian-occupied city of Izium with most of the exhumed bodies showing signs of torture.

"In the 21st century, such attacks against the civilian population are unthinkable and abhorrent," Czech Foreign Minister Jan Lipavsky said on Twitter.

"We must not overlook it. We stand for the punishment of all war criminals," he added.

"I call for the speedy establishment of a special international tribunal that will prosecute the crime of aggression," Mr. Lipavsky said.

Investigators said some bodies in the graves found near the eastern Ukrainian city of Izium had hands tied behind their backs. They also found the bodies of children.

The Czech Republic has received around 4,00,000 refugees from Ukraine and provided military aid worth some $150 million to the country.

Japan urges evacuation as typhoon nears

REUTERS
TOKYO

The Japan Meteorological Agency urged residents to evacuate parts of the southern island of Kyushu on Saturday, ahead of a large and powerful typhoon expected to bring up to half a metre of rain when it makes landfall on Sunday.

Nanmadol has the potential to be the most destructive tropical storm to strike Japan in decades. "Unprecedented" storms and rainfall could strike the area, JMA official Ryuta Kurora said at a televised press conference, urging residents there to evacuate before it gets dark.

Israel strike on Syria airport kills five soldiers

2 members of Iran-backed groups die

ASSOCIATED PRESS
BEIRUT

An Israeli strike on the Damascus International Airport and nearby military posts south of the Syrian capital killed five soldiers, state media reported on Saturday.

State news agency SANA, quoting an unnamed military official, said the strikes happened after midnight on Friday, causing "material losses" as well. It added that some of the Israeli missiles were shot down before reaching their targets.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strikes killed five Syrian soldiers and two members of Iran-backed groups.

The Israeli Army declined comment, saying it does not react to "foreign reports."

The strike on the Damascus International Airport came 10 days after Israel launched a missile attack on Syria's Aleppo airport in the north that put it out of commission for a few days. It was the second attack on Aleppo's airport within a week.

On June 10, Israeli airstrikes on Damascus International Airport caused significant damage to infrastructure and runways and rendered the main runway unserviceable.

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No. EE/PRED/BLY/AE-I/KKRDB/TDR/2022-23/873 **Dt. 16-09-2022.**

Tender Notification (Through E-portal only)

On behalf of Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka tenders are invited from the eligible contractors who have enrolled in Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for 02 work comprising of approved building work under KKRDB scheme through e-procurement portal. Contractors are required to submit the tender before 01.10.2022 at 4.00 PM by uploading the relevant documents through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index.seam by downloading the formats for submission of tenders from 17-09-2022 to 01.10.2022 at 4.00 PM. Tenders will be opened through e-proc portal on 03.10.2022 at 5.00 PM. Any changes in the notification will be published in e-procurement website only. Accepting/rejection of tenders without assigning reason is reserved. Any details can be obtained in person at the office or through telephone No. 08392-266173.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/459/MCA/2022-23

BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH
Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.

No: EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/12/2022-23
Dated: 16-09-2022

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Tenders are invited through E-Procurement for the works approved Under JJM Head of grants for the year 2021-22. The Tender Documents can be obtained and Submitted **on or before 26-09-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit Website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division
Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/2272/Adverts/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public at large are hereby informed that our client Mr.Mohammed Mufseer, S/o. Mohammed Muzammil, aged about 36 years, #7054, Tower-7, 5th Floor, Prestige Bagamane Temple Bells Apartment, Jawaregowda Road, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore - 560098, being the intending purchasers, have entered into an Agreement for Sale dated 22/08/2022 with Smt. Shobha Bhaskar Pawar, W/o Sri. Bhaskar Shidu Pawar, aged about 62 years, residing at Pawar House, TMC 20/764, Aristo Road, Mission Quarters, Trichur - 680005, with respect to the Schedule property for valuable sale consideration.

Therefore, we state that if anyone is having any issues with respect to the Schedule Property or any Objections with regard to our client purchasing the same, such informations shall be provided to us with details within **Fifteen days** from the date of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.463, New No.36, PID No.62-2-36, New Municipal No.36, situated at 12th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru – 560027, Division Old No.36, thereafter 55, presently coming under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Old Ward No.62, New Ward No.145, measuring East to West 80 Feet and North to South 50 Feet, in all measuring 4000 Sq.Ft, bounded on:- East by:Mr. Hanumappa's Property, West by:12th Cross Road, North by :Mr. Gowda's Property, South by: Late Mr. Rama Rao's Property.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 17.09.2022

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Notice Inviting Tender

Two Cover System (Only Through e-procurement portal)

No. KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work. Indent 12785/Call 2 Date: 12-09-2022 Tenders through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are invited from eligible tenderers for the work of **" Supply, Fabrication, Dismantling, Erection and commissioning of seamless/ ERW pipeline (100/150/200/250/350NB) and connected accessories of Air washer system of Unit 1 to 4." EMD:** ₹16,750/-. **Last date and time for tender queries / clarifications:** 20-09-2022 up to 16:00 hrs. **Date of receipt of tenders:** 27-09-2022, 16:00 hrs. **Date of opening of technical bid-Part1:** 28-09-2022 at 16:00 hrs. **Date of opening of financial bid-Part II:** 29-09-2022 at 16:00 hrs. Tenders documents can be downloaded from the above e-portal. Further details can be had from: The Executive Engineer (LT-1),RTPS, KPCL, Shaktinagar-584170, Raichur District. Mobile: 9449596537 e-mail:eelt1rtpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in / eelt1rtps@gmail.com

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ಸರ್ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ ಕಂಬಳಿ ರಸ್ತೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿ : 2213898, 2213888 website : www.hdmc.gov.in

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)

ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/ಇಇ(ಉ)/61/12/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 17-09-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಜಾಹೀರಾತು ನಂ : 494 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 23-08-2022

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸನ್ 2020-21, 2021-22 ಮತ್ತು 2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ನಿಧಿಯ ಅನುದಾನ, ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999-2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ.ಕ್ಷೆ. 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/HDMC ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಮೋಡ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಚ್ಚಿದ ಬಿಡ್ಡಾದ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟಗಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ.

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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 02 ರಿಂದ 06ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27-09-2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 02 ರಿಂದ 06ರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **28-09-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 06ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03-10-2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ಹಾಗೂ 07ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **06-10-2022** ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಘಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 01 ಹಾಗೂ 07ರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **07-10-2022** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.30 ಘಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ.

ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 07ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **11-10-2022** ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

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SNAPSHOTS

Severe monkeypox
The death rate from monkeypox in non-endemic countries is lower than expected — about 0.04% compared with the 1-3% reported during outbreaks caused by a similar viral strain in West Africa. Although people experience fewer lesions than in past outbreaks, they seem likely to appear on sensitive mucosal tissues.

Secrets unravelled
The tiny translucent jellyfish can revert to an immature polyp state and revive itself again and again — making it immortal. Researchers have now sequenced the jellyfish's genome. The genes associated with DNA storage are highly expressed in adult jellyfish, but reduced in polyps. However, genes linked to pluripotency are increasingly expressed as the jellyfish reverted.

Main culprit
Fishing gear makes up most of the large plastic debris in the 'North Pacific garbage patch', an area of the ocean where currents converge and an estimated 80,000 tonnes of plastic have accumulated. One-third of the identified things in a survey of more than 6,000 floating items came from Japan — possibly in part because of the tsunami that hit the country in 2011.

Promising results
Small trials are sparking fresh enthusiasm for induced pluripotent stem (iPS) cell research. iPS cells are adult cells that have been coaxed into an embryonic-like state and can develop into any cell type in the body. The studies involved repairing the cornea and treating heart diseases, macular degeneration and Parkinson's disease.

How climate change is altering Indian monsoon

Research shows that global warming increases the fluctuations in the monsoon, resulting in both long dry periods and short spells of heavy rains

ARCHANA SUBRAMANIAN

Monsoon in India has undergone several changes over the years, especially on account of climate change. A shift in the track of monsoon systems, like low pressure and depression travelling south of their position and flash floods are a result of this change. And these changes spell intense and frequent extreme unprecedented weather events over the places which once struggled to record even normal monsoon rains. With this looming threat having a bearing on food security, it is only a matter of time before it has socio-economic impact.

"It has been very complex to understand the rainfall variability and how monsoon patterns have been behaving of late, especially this year. The problem is that it is very challenging for us to understand the situation, which calls for a lot more research. Persistence of intense La Nina conditions, the abnormal warming of East Indian Ocean, negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), southward movement of most of the monsoon depressions and lows and pre-monsoon heating over the Himalayan region are melting glaciers. This is a very complex mix," said Dr. R. Krishnan, Executive Director, Centre for Climate Change Research, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has clearly sighted that 2022 has seen the second highest extreme events since 1902. An alarming case as incidents of floods and droughts have increased, there is more evidence coming our way on how global warming has been impacting the Indian monsoon.

"There is no doubt about the fact that most of the monsoon weather systems have been travelling across central parts of the country, changing the area of rainfall. Climate change is definitely behind these changes and thus, it calls for more research on the changes in the behavioural pattern of these systems," said G.P. Sharma, President, Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather.

Excess and deficit

As a result, States such as Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and parts of Maharashtra have been recording excess rainfall this season. Usually, monsoon systems move across Northwest India giving rains over the region there. Experts believe that these changes are here to stay, which would continue to propel extreme weather events over the entire South Asian region.

During the last six months, entire South Asia has been reporting a series of extreme weather events. While Bangladesh, Pakistan and India have battled severe floods, China is reeling under massive drought conditions.

"Slow onsets can still be taken care of through adaptation and resilience ideas but these kinds of big events are very difficult to cope with. That is where the main issue lies as the country would then have to divert development money to climate finance to combat climate change," said Dr. Anjal Prakash, Research Director, Bharti Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business and IPCC lead author.

After a weak onset, monsoon went into a lull and so no thumping activity was seen in Kerala and adjoining parts of Karnataka. By June, monsoon had reached the plains but the onset was not a strong one. This resulted in West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar not receiving normal rains. Back-to-back active monsoon systems in the Bay of Bengal in July led to excess rainfall to the tune of 8% — actual rainfall recorded was 472.8 mm as against the normal of 437.2 mm.

"August too saw two back-to-back depressions forming in the Bay of Bengal and travelling across Central India. These intense systems in quick succession kept the monsoon trough well south of its normal position for most of August," explains Mahesh Palawat, Vice President, Meteorology and Climate Change, Skymet Weather.

Rice production

"Monsoon each year is unique, but we did see a large regional and temporal variability in rainfall this year. Our research shows that global warming increases the fluctuations in the monsoon, resulting in both long dry periods and short spells of heavy rains. This year, the monsoon was potentially influenced by La Nina also – the cooler than usual Pacific conditions," said Dr. Roxy Mathew Koll, Climate Scientist, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.

One of the major impacts of changes in track of monsoon systems can be seen on kharif crops, particularly rice production. They form a significant share of more than 50% of total food grain production during this period.

"Arrival of monsoon and whether onset would be strong or weak will always continue to dodge us. Due to southward movement of majors, all main monsoon low pressure areas and depressions, rice producing States such as West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and east Uttar Pradesh have been deficit by large margins. This would straight away have an impact on the quantity as well as the quality of the crop," said Mr. Palawat.

Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, which account for a third of the country's total rice production, have been highly deficit despite an active monsoon current in July and August.

These uneven distribution rains along with increasing temperatures and humidity give rise to pest attacks and diseases. This will, in turn, impact the quality of the grain as well as the nutrition value may vary. According to a study, 'Climate change, the monsoon, and rice yield in India', very high temperatures (> 35°C) induce heat stress and affect plant physiological processes, leading to spikelet sterility, non-viable pollen and reduced grain quality. Drought, on the other hand, reduces plant transpiration rates and may result in leaf rolling and drying, reduction in leaf expansion rates and plant biomass, immobilisation of solutes and increased heat stress of leaves.

Recent research indicates that monsoon rainfall became less frequent but more intense in India during the latter half of the 20th century. Scientists and food experts believe that a better rainfall scenario could have helped increase the harvest. However, India's hundreds of millions of rice producers and consumers are being affected negatively with these unprecedented changes which are also raising concerns over food security.

How climate change impacts summer monsoon rainfall

Places that once recorded excess rainfall are today rainfall deficit

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Record year: This year has seen the second highest extreme events since 1902, as per IMD.

1. It is complex to understand the rainfall variability and how monsoon patterns have been behaving of late, particularly this year
2. Alarming increase in floods and droughts provides direct evidence of how global warming has been impacting the Indian monsoon
3. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and parts of Maharashtra have recorded excess rainfall this year
4. In contrast, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Bihar did not receive normal rains
5. Back-to-back active monsoon systems in the Bay of Bengal in July led to excess rainfall to the tune of 8% — actual rainfall recorded 472.8 mm as against the normal of 437.2 mm
6. August too saw two back-to-back depressions forming in the Bay of Bengal and travelling across Central India
7. While summer monsoon rainfall each year is unique, there has been a large regional and temporal variability in rainfall this year
8. There is evidence that global warming increases the fluctuations in the monsoon, resulting in both long dry periods and short spells of heavy rains

Using 'spooky action at a distance' to link atomic clocks

The researchers show frequencies of spatially separated clocks can be compared more precisely

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An experiment carried out by the University of Oxford researchers combines two unique and one can say even mind-boggling discoveries, namely, high-precision atomic clocks and quantum entanglement, to achieve two atomic clocks that are "entangled." This means the inherent uncertainty in measuring their frequencies simultaneously is highly reduced.

While this is a proof-of-concept experiment, it has the potential for use in probing dark matter, precision geodesy and other such applications. The two-node network that they build is extendable to more nodes, the researchers write, in an article on this work published in *Nature* recently.

Atomic clocks grew in accuracy and became so dependable that in 1967, the definition of a second was revised to be the time taken by 9,19,26,31,770 oscillations of a cesium atom. At the start of the 21st century, the cesium clocks that were available were so accurate that they would gain or lose a second only once in about 20 million years. At present, even this record has been broken and there are "optical lattice clocks" that are so precise that they lose a second only once in 15 billion years. To give some perspective, that is more than the age of the universe, which is 13.8 billion years.

Mundane uses

The more mundane uses to which these clocks can be put include accurate time keeping in GPS, or monitoring stuff remotely on Mars.

"If you can measure the frequency difference between these two clocks that are in different locations, that opens up a host of applications," says Raghavendra Srinivas, from the Department of Physics, Clarendon Laboratory, University of Oxford, U.K., who is an author of the *Nature* paper.

Their work is a proof-of-principle demonstration that two strontium atoms separated in space by a small distance, can be pushed into an "entangled state" so that a comparison of their frequencies becomes more precise. Potential applications of this when extended in space and including more nodes than two, are in studying the space-time variation of the fundamental constants and probing dark matter – deep questions in physics.

Demonstrated: The researchers have shown that it is possible to generate remote entanglement in a practical way. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

In quantum physics, entanglement is a weird phenomenon described as a "spooky action at a distance" by Albert Einstein. Normally, when you consider two systems separated in space that are also independent and you wished to compare some physical attribute of the two systems, you would make separate measurements of that attribute and this would involve a fundamental limitation to how precisely you can compare the two – for two separate measurements have to be made.

On the other hand, if the two were entangled, it is a way of saying that their physical attributes, say spin, or in this case, the frequency, vary in tandem. Measuring the attribute on one system, tells you about the other system. This in turn improves the precision of the measurement to the ultimate limit allowed by quantum theory.

Proof of concept

Quantum networks of this kind have been demonstrated earlier, but this is the first demonstration of quantum entanglement of optical atomic clocks.

Dr. Srinivas says, "The key development here is that we could improve the fidelity and the rate of this remote entanglement to the point where it's actually useful for other applications, like in this clock experiment."

For their demonstration, the researchers used strontium atoms for the ease in generating remote entanglement. They plan to try this with better clocks such as those that use calcium.

"We showed that you can now generate remote entanglement in a practical way. At some point, it might be useful for state-of-the art systems," says Dr. Srinivas.

Fish fossil sheds light on evolution

REUTERS

Scientists in Australia have unearthed preserved fossilised hearts and other organs of ancient armoured fish in a discovery that provides insight into the evolution of the bodies of vertebrates – including humans.

The researchers on Thursday described the heart in fish called placoderms that inhabited a tropical reef about 380 million years ago during the Devonian Period. The fossils were 250 million years older than any previously known fish heart. The fossilised liver, stomach and intestine from these placoderms helped give a fuller view of the internal anatomy at a pivotal time in the history of vertebrates – backboned animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Matching ecology with agricultural economics

Ecological niche modelling helps to find new inhabitants for existing habitat

SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

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An ecological niche is the right set of environmental conditions under which an animal or plant species will thrive. A range of ecological niches can occur within an ecosystem. Biodiversity is the result of these niches being occupied by species that are uniquely suited to them. Desert plants, for example, are suited for dry, arid ecological niches because they have the ability to store water in their leaves.

As the world's climate undergoes change, the ability of existing species to hold on to their biogeographic niches may be altered. This has an important bearing on agriculture, as practices and crop choices that have worked well for centuries may no longer be ideal.

Factors that are altered by such changes include the availability of food and nutrients, occurrence of predators and competing species. Non-living, or abiotic factors also affect ecological niches. These include temperature, amount of available light, soil moisture, and so on.

Niche modelling

Ecologists use such information for conservation efforts as well as for future developments. However, ecological considerations may not correlate well with economic realities. To bridge these two viewpoints, ecological niche modelling can be used to examine economic feasibilities within the context of changing ecological scenarios.

Ecological niche modelling is a predictive tool for identifying new possibilities – new inhabitants for an existing habitat, or new geographical locations where a desirable plant may grow well. The modelling involves the use of computer algorithms to compare data about the environment and to make forecasts about what would be ideal for a given ecological niche.

Ideal: The temperate climate of Jammu and Kashmir is well-suited to saffron plants. •GETTY IMAGES

Compare two places that are geographically apart, say the Madikeri area of Coorg in Karnataka and Gangtok in Sikkim. Both are on hilly terrain. Madikeri is at 1,200 metre above sea level and Gangtok is 1,600 metre above sea level. Average yearly rainfall is 321 cm and 349 cm, respectively. Average relative humidity at 5:30 p.m. is 76% and 83%, respectively. The similarities are many in both regions.

Where to grow

A recent paper highlights the uses that ecological niche modelling can be put to within the context of India's geographies and agricultural economics (Amit Kumar et al., *Scientific Reports*, 2022). Researchers at the Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur, Himachal Pradesh used modelling strategies to examine the economically important spice, saffron.

Crocus sativus, the saffron plant, is propagated through underground stems called corms. It is thought to be a native of Greece, and grows best under mediterranean climate conditions. Today, Iran grows nearly 90% of the world's saffron. The flower of the plant has three bright crimson stigmata, which are handpicked when ready and carefully dried for the commercial saffron. Besides adding flavour to food, saffron has many other uses. Ancient Indian medical texts prescribed it for disorders of the nervous system. More recent clinical trials have shown that the administration of 30 mg saffron every day had a significant anti-depressant effect (Toth et al., *Planta Medica*. 2019;85). Some of its chemical constituents have been shown to possess anti-cancer properties.

India produces 5% of the world's saffron. Historically, some of the world's most prized saffron has been grown in old lake beds of Kashmir. The temperate climate of Jammu and Kashmir is well-suited with a well-drained soil of high pH value (6.3 to 8.3), summer temperatures (when flowers develop) of around 25°C and good soil nutrient availability.

Using big data

For big data, the authors of the Indian study combined their efforts with openly available global resources. Areas of saffron cultivation in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand were compared with 449 locations of saffron cultivation in different parts of the world as documented by the Global Biodiversity Information Facility. Environmental data came from the WorldClim web portal, which provides data on 103 variables, ranging from solar radiation to wind speeds. Terrain data (slope, aspect and elevation) came from the Space shuttle radar topography mission (SRTM) Digital Elevation Model. Several rounds of analysis yielded a map of probable niche areas suitable for growing saffron in India.

The study identified 4,200 square kilometre of new areas suitable for saffron cultivation in places in Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, North Sikkim, Imphal, Manipur and Udagamandalam, Tamil Nadu. Field trials over two seasons at some of these locations obtained a saffron yield that was very close to the average national yield of 2.6 kg per hectare. Will saffron be regularly cultivated in these new areas? From an economic standpoint, the answer should certainly be in the affirmative.

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Question Corner

Saturn tilt

What caused the present-day tilt of Saturn?

Swirling around the planet's equator, the rings of Saturn are a dead giveaway that the planet is spinning at a tilt. The belted giant rotates at a 26.7-degree angle relative to the plane in which it orbits the sun. Astronomers have suspected that this tilt comes from gravitational interactions with Neptune, as Saturn's tilt precesses at nearly the same rate as the orbit of Neptune.

But a new modelling study by astronomers at MIT and elsewhere has found that, while the two planets may have once been in sync, Saturn has since escaped Neptune's pull. The researchers propose in a study (*Science*) that Saturn, which today hosts 83 moons, once harboured one more, an extra satellite that they name Chrysalis. Together with its siblings, Chrysalis orbited Saturn for several billion years, tugging on the planet in a way that kept its tilt, says a release.

But around 160 million years ago, the team estimates, Chrysalis became unstable and came too close to its planet that pulled the satellite apart. The loss of the moon was enough to leave Saturn with the present-day tilt.

The researchers surmise, while most of Chrysalis' shattered body may have made impact with Saturn, a fraction of its fragments could have remained suspended in orbit, eventually breaking into small icy chunks to form the planet's signature rings.

The missing satellite, therefore, could explain two longstanding mysteries: Saturn's present-day tilt and the age of its rings, which were previously estimated to be about 100 million years old – much younger than the planet itself.

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COVID end in sight?

Why is the WHO insisting that the world must be more alert than ever to control the SARS-CoV-2 virus?

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The story so far: "We are not there yet, but the end is in sight." At a press conference on September 14, World Health Organization (WHO) director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said: "Last week, the number of weekly reported deaths from COVID-19 was the lowest since March 2020. We have never been in a better position to end the pandemic." But the WHO chief also warned that if the world does not seize the opportunity now, there will be more risks ahead.

What are the numbers now?

■ As per the ourworldindata COVID-19 dashboard, as of September 16, a total of 4,53,481 new cases had been recorded across the world. On the same day, the cumulative count of cases was 611.33 million. In contrast, the seven day average of new cases hit a peak on January 24, 2022 at 3.44 million cases per day.

Does this mean the world can let down its guard?

■ Not yet, according to Dr. Tedros, who, on the contrary, calls for greater energy, a last-mile spurt. "A marathon runner does not stop when the finish line comes into view. She runs harder, with all the energy she has left. So must we," he said during his address.

"We can see the finish line. We're in a winning position. But now is the worst time to stop running. Now is the time to run harder and make sure we cross the line and reap the rewards of all our hard work. If we don't take this opportunity now, we run the risk of more variants, more deaths, more disruption, and more uncertainty," Dr. Tedros further said. He added that the WHO is releasing six policy briefs outlining the key actions that all governments must take to finish the race. The briefs are a summary, based on the evidence and experience of the last 32 months, of what works best to save lives, protect health systems, and avoid social and economic disruption. The briefs are an urgent call for governments to take a hard look at their policies, and strengthen them for COVID-19 and future pathogens with pandemic potential, Dr. Tedros insisted.

> 'The best way to prevent more dangerous or more transmissible variants from emerging is to stop unconstrained spread, and that requires integrated public-health interventions, including vaccine equity'

What should be the priority areas?

■ The WHO chief urged nations to invest in vaccinating 100% of the most at-risk groups, including health workers and older people, indicating that these groups are the highest priority to achieving 70% vaccine coverage. He added that it was important for countries to keep testing and sequencing for SARS-CoV-2 besides integrating testing and surveillance with similar measures for other respiratory diseases.

Dr. Tedros made a strong case for putting in place a system in order to integrate care for COVID-19 into primary health, and said patients should continue to receive the care that is right for them. While the numbers are dropping globally, it is better to plan for surges of cases, ensuring at the same time that one is always prepared to handle emergency or pandemic situations with the necessary supplies, equipment and health workers. He also called for broad-based strategies for infection prevention and control precautions to protect health workers and non-COVID patients in health facilities. The six policy briefs of the WHO set out guidelines for clinical management of COVID-19; managing infection prevention and control measures for COVID-19 in health care facilities; reaching COVID-19 vaccination targets; COVID-19 infodemic management; and building trust through risk communication and community engagement. In an article in *Nature* early this year, Aris Katzourakis, a professor who studies viral evolution and genomics at the University of Oxford, argued that rosy assumptions would endanger public health and that policy makers must act now to shape the future, referring to a COVID-19 context. "The best way to prevent more, more-dangerous or more-transmissible variants from emerging is to stop unconstrained spread, and that requires many integrated public-health interventions, including, crucially, vaccine equity."

What about research?

■ In an editorial, *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* acknowledged that it was good news indeed that the link between cases and deaths had weakened, even if it wasn't broken, at least in highly vaccinated countries. The vast research effort that has gone into COVID-19 over the past two years has given the world tools to turn a pandemic disease into a manageable, endemic one, the *Lancet* paper pointed out. "Better vaccines and treatments will be required to maintain this success, and large parts of the world's population still do not have access to vaccines. However, research organisations, funding bodies, and industry should now lead a compensatory effort that, applying lessons learned from combatting COVID-19, redirects research towards the control of infectious diseases (and, indeed, non-communicable diseases) that take a toll of human life year in and year out."

Has the emissions deadline been extended?

Why have thermal units got an extension on installing pollution-control technology?

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The story so far: On September 5, the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) extended the deadline for installing pollution control technologies in the country's thermal power plants (TPPs). This was the third time that the Ministry has extended the deadline for installation of pollution control technologies. The country's first emission norms for control of sulphur dioxide (SO2), nitrogen oxides (NOx) and mercury (Hg) from coal-fired power plants were notified in December 2015, and the thermal plants were given a timeline of December 2017 to comply.

What does the notification say?

■ In the notification, the Ministry set up three different timelines for three categories of thermal power plants for ensuring installation of pollution-control technologies. The categorisation of power plants was done in April 2021 on the basis of an amendment to The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

For power plants within a 10 km radius of Delhi-NCR and million plus cities, the deadline has been extended to December 31, 2024 from the earlier deadline of December 2022. In case of power plants within a 10 km radius of critically polluted cities, the deadline has been extended to December 31, 2025 from the earlier December 31, 2023. For all other power plants across the country which had an earlier timeline of December 31, 2024, the new deadline stands at December 31, 2026. The notification also extends the timeline until 2027 for retiring units (power plants which are over 25 years old or more) and 2026 for non-retiring units.

This extension comes alongside two dilutions granted to thermal power plants for water and NOx norms. In June 2018, water norms for units installed post-January 2017 were diluted from 2.5 cubic metres per megawatt-hours to three cubic metres per megawatt-hours. Similarly, in May 2019, NOx norms for units installed between 2004 and 2016 were diluted from 300 milligrams per cubic metres to 450 milligrams per cubic metres.

What are the concerns?

■ Environmentalists have raised red flags over the deadline extensions and the dilutions. According to Anjal Prakash, Research Director and Adjunct Associate Professor with the Bharti Institute of Public Policy at the Indian School of Business (ISB) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) author, the manner in which the extensions have been made since 2015 across parameters including sulphur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and mercury, act as a roadblock. "It could potentially dent India's emission targets. The deadlines needed to be met earlier as the further increase in SO2 emissions will further dampen the current air pollution scenario, resulting in a double whammy with current climate catastrophes being witnessed across our cities at the moment," he added.

A thermal power plant converts heat energy into electric power by burning fossil fuels (coal) and pumps out a lot of gases which are by-products of the burning. Along with carbon dioxide, thermal power plants release SO2 (sulphur dioxide) which is a major contributor to particulate matter in air pollution. The process of eliminating sulphur compounds from the exhaust emissions of fossil-fuelled (coal-fired) power plants is known as flue gas desulfurisation (FGD). This is accomplished by including absorbent materials, which can eliminate up to 95% of the sulphur from the flue gas by scrubbing.

Seven years since the first notification for thermal power plants to control the emission level of SO2 within prescribed standards, the percentage of plants that have installed FGDs remains negligible.

Polluted skies: The National Thermal Power Corporation plant in Dadri. • AFP

How many plants have installed desulfurisation units?

■ Data from Central Electricity Authority (CEA) points out that till February 2021, of the total thermal power of 211. 6 GW (giga watt) across 600 units installed in the country, only 8.2 GW (across 20 units) have installed FGDs. Installation of FGDs is a time-consuming process and takes a minimum of 36-42 months for commissioning from the date of award. Data by CEA till February 2021 show bids for installation of FGDs have been awarded to power plants generating 85.7 GW (across 190 units). Environmentalists argue that going by the pace at which bids are being awarded for FGDs' installation, a majority of power plants are most likely to miss the new deadline too.

> Environmentalists have raised red flags over the repeated deadline extensions. Along with carbon dioxide, coal-based thermal power plants release SO2 (sulphur dioxide) which is a major contributor to particulate matter in air pollution

What are the challenges?

■ The Ministry of Power and Renewable Energy has often referred to constraints in the implementation of FGD technology at thermal power plants. In response to a question in the Lok Sabha in August 2022, the Ministry pointed out that alongside the minimum time period required for FGD commissioning of 36-42 months there is limited availability of vendors and that there is a price escalation factor too due to the limited supply of components. According to the Ministry, the COVID-19 pandemic had an impact on the supply chain and manpower availability. Two years ago, an association of power producers had written a letter to the Prime Minister's Office seeking more time for installation of FGDs and raised the issue of supply disruptions in China, pointing out that only 20-30% of emissions-reducing components are manufactured in India and the country is dependent on China.

In another reply in December 2021, the Ministry informed the House that the FGD system to control pollution was installed for 1,340 MW of coal-fired thermal power capacity of the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). With 24 coal-based power stations, NTPC is the largest thermal power generating company in the country which has an installed capacity of 48,720 MW.

Despite the push for alternative sources of power, major production of electricity in India is achieved through coal-based thermal power plants which accounts for 75% of the country's total power generation. With severe levels of air pollution recorded in the past few years in the Delhi-NCR region and other cities, the cost of installing FGDs, say experts and environmentalists, should not come in the way of the benefits a clean-up will provide for air quality and health.

What lies ahead?

■ Going by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's commitment made at the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference, India proposes to achieve the goal of 500 GW of non-fossil fuel by the year 2030 and will achieve the net zero emission target by 2070. Environmentalists argue that if the MoEF&CC, which should have penalised power plants for not switching to pollution-control technologies, keeps extending the deadline, the transition to cleaner sources of power will take much longer. According to Ritwick Dutta, environmental lawyer and founder of Legal Initiative for Forest and Environment, India's National Clean Air Programme's target of reducing air pollution by 20-30% by 2024 will never be achieved if the government gives repeated leeway to violators. "With this extension, a clear message has gone from the Central Government to all power companies that they should not take environmental norms seriously," he contended.

Will the future of the Commonwealth change?

After Queen Elizabeth's reign, will several nations go the Barbados way and shed ties with Britain's monarchy?

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The story so far: The death of Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom, the country's longest serving ruler, who reigned for over 70 years, marks not only the end of an era for the British monarchy, but also a turning point for the 14 Commonwealth realms of which she was the Head of State. There has been a significant transformation of the socioeconomic milieu in these countries compared to the Elizabethan era, including calls in several nations to establish a republic and break free of historical ties to the British monarchy. Thus, it is possible that during the reign of the incumbent King Charles III, the Queen's successor, more nations will follow in the footsteps of Barbados, which in 2021 became the 18th country to remove the British monarch from the role of head of state and substitute them with a national government functionary.

What is the Commonwealth and what are its realms?

■ The Commonwealth of Nations is a group of 56 countries comprised mostly of former British colonies. While members of the Commonwealth are predominantly located in Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the Pacific, with many of them emerging economies, the three European members of the group are Cyprus, Malta, and the U.K. The developed nations of the Commonwealth are Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.

The Commonwealth consists of both republics and realms. The British monarch is the Head of State for the realms, whereas the republics are ruled by elected governments, except in the the case of five countries – Brunei Darussalam, Eswatini, Lesotho, Malaysia, and Tonga – each a self-governed monarchy.

The realms are comprised of Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Belize, Canada, Grenada, Jamaica, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, the Solomon Islands, and Tuvalu.

How is the Commonwealth viewed by its members?

■ Even if the situation is changing vis-à-vis the realms and their Heads of State, the broader Commonwealth group, of which India and other South Asian countries are members, remains strong and fosters policy coordination among its members through its Heads of Government Meetings, a feature that has gained additional salience in the context of post-pandemic economic recovery. In this regard, Queen Elizabeth played a critical role in championing the organisation and maintaining the group's relevance, regularly travelling to meet with leaders of Commonwealth nations across the world.

End of an era: Britain's King Charles III attends a vigil around the coffin of Queen Elizabeth II • AFP

This has not always been the case. During the Queen's third and final visit to India in 1997, many expected an apology for the Jallianwalla Bagh massacre of 1919, carried out by the erstwhile colonial government, and ordered by General Reginald Dyer. Yet that apology never came, and instead the Queen only referenced the killings during a banquet speech when she said, "It is no secret that there have been some difficult episodes in our past. Jallianwala Bagh is a distressing example." Tactless remarks by her husband, Prince Philip, questioning the number of deaths in the massacre, added salt to injured sentiment. It was also in 1997 that the U.K. handed over control of Hong Kong to the People's Republic of China, thereby losing after 156 years what was considered to be one of the most important colonies in Asia.

More recently, in March 2022, King Charles' son and now heir to the throne, Prince William, his wife, Kate, and other royals faced demonstrations and demands for reparations for slavery while on a tour of the Caribbean that also witnessed several gaffes and awkward moments by the visitors from the U.K.

Which nations are moving towards ending formal ties to the British monarchy?

■ The debate in some of the Commonwealth realms, including for example Australia, has led to popular movements to reposition the country in question as a republic. In Canberra, the administration of Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese appointed in June 2022 for the first time a Minister, Matt Thistlethwaite, to set in motion the gradual transition towards a republic. In this regard it is likely that there will be a referendum on the question of severing official ties to the monarchy in the months ahead.

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While Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand has said that her country would support King Charles, she added that it would become a republic "in time".

Similarly, Prime Minister Philip Davis of the Bahamas has said he intends to conduct a referendum to remove King Charles from the role of official Head of State, thereby moving the country, which gained independence in 1973, towards being a republic. Governments in five other Caribbean nations – Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Grenada, Jamaica and Saint Kitts and Nevis – have signalled their intention to act similarly.

Thus, it is not beyond imagination that following the death of Queen Elizabeth, the Commonwealth realms might fade into being a relic of the past, and nations that suffered a history of colonialism – along with its attendant violence and resource extraction – will move forward to establish themselves as republics.

ROGER FEDERER

The master who waved a magic wand on court

A player who reconciled with his tennis mortality, tweaked his technique, spruced up his fitness and competitively excelled across three decades in the sport is on his way out

N. SUDARSHAN

In focus

- Federer first made his mark at Wimbledon 2001 when, as a 19-year-old, he upset the then grass-court king Pete Sampras
- Two years later, he broke through at Wimbledon for his first Major trophy, and that kick-started a four-year period where he was the undisputed best
- From 2004 to 2007, he won 11 of the 16 Majors to be held, with the only suspense during every Slam fortnight being how much more he could elevate his level of play

On July 3, 2022, Roger Federer attended a special ceremony at Wimbledon to mark the 100th anniversary of the Centre Court. A year ago, he had trudged out of the same hallowed turf in a pensive mood, following a painful straight-set defeat – including a dispiriting 0-6 scoreline in the final set – to Poland's Hubert Hurkacz in the quarterfinals. "I hope I can come back one more time. I've missed it here," Federer said on that sunlit celebratory centenary Sunday. "I knew walking out here last year it was going to be a tough year ahead. Maybe I didn't think it was going to take me this long to come back but the knee has been rough on me. But I've been happy."

Just over 10 weeks later, Federer announced that the upcoming Laver Cup (September 23-25) would be his last ATP Tour-level tournament. The Swiss could not sufficiently recover from the knee surgery he had undergone in the aftermath of the 2021 Wimbledon reverse. It was his third since the start of 2020, a period which saw him play just six professional tennis events. "The message to me lately has been clear," he said. "I am 41 years old. I have played more than 1,500 matches over 24 years. Tennis has treated me more generously than I ever would have dreamt, and now I must recognise when it is time to end my competitive career."

The ending may not have been to his many fans' liking but in the future, when memories shift and time doesn't act as a fixative, Federer's will only be remembered as a stellar career, a fantastic longlist of achievements which can never be whittled down.

He won 20 Grand Slam singles titles, 103 ATP singles trophies, 28 Masters crowns and six ATP Finals (year-end championship). Of his 1,526 matches, he won 1,251 (82%) and was also ranked the World No.1 for 310 weeks, a record Novak Djokovic surpassed only last year.

Federer first made his mark at Wimbledon 2001 when, as a pony-tailed 19-year-old, he upset the then grass-court king and seven-time champion Pete Sampras in the fourth round.

Playing the way purists would approve of – with elegant classicism, touch, precision and economy of movement – he appeared to herald the changing of the guard with the pulsating five-set victory.

Since then, Federer's career has been about managing the pressure of expectations as much as tennis. Two years later, he broke through at Wimbledon for his first Major trophy, and that kick-started a four-year period

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The ascent of Nadal

But Rafael Nadal's ascent, first on clay, then on grass and eventually on hard courts, was the first real threat. Pitted against the down-to-earth rugged artistry of the young Spaniard, the aesthetic splendour of Federer's play seemed like a fragile art. The Spaniard – holder of a men's record 22 Grand Slam singles titles today – beat Federer in three consecutive finals at Roland-Garros (2006-08), at 2008 Wimbledon and at 2009 Australian Open.

Then came Djokovic and his elastic genius, with which he has now accumulated 21 Majors. While the Serb's success on synthetic surfaces and clay was considered largely commonplace, his rise on grass astounded many. On a surface which Andre Agassi called "ice slathered with Vaseline", on which Federer went around choreographing his play with the grace of a figure-skater, Djokovic defended every blade of grass and found the tennis to fell Federer in two finals (2014 and 2015).

"I didn't want to have a rival," Federer told *Sports Illustrated* in 2018. "I just wanted to be the best and there was the rest basically. That's how I saw it... And then when Rafa came onto the scene, I guess at first I had to also appreciate the rival, that he's going to be around. And maybe I had to adjust my game."

Intelligent serve

It is this ability to reconcile with his tennis mortality, tweak his technique, spruce up his fitness and competitively excel across three decades in the sport – all under the golden veneer of his artistic brilliance – that will eventually come to define Federer. In what was arguably the greatest era in men's tennis, he was at the top of the totem pole.

When he started out, he was predominantly a net-rusher. From Rod Laver to Stefan Edberg to Sampras, all saw shades of themselves in him. It helped that his initial successes came at Wimbledon. He looked the part. Even as he slowly morphed into a baseline-hugger, he continued to play what was quintessentially grass-court tennis, showcasing his remarkably intelligent first serve and devastating backhand slice. His razor-sharp instincts and magic hands only added to this allure.

But after years of underperformance against Nadal, he changed to a bigger racquet-head for probably the first time in his career. Tennis players are sticklers for habits. Every change is a revolutionary act. But the shift helped Federer be more consistent with his serves and effectively counter players targeting his one-handed backhand with spin-loaded shots. Nadal leads Federer 24-16 in the head-to-head count. But Federer has beaten him in seven of their last eight matches, including the 2017 Australian Open final which gave the Swiss his 18th Slam title, ending a four-and-a-half-year drought.

Renewed purpose

Playing with renewed purpose, he added two more Majors – 2017 Wimbledon and 2018 Australian Open – and subsequently returned to the top of the ATP rankings to become the oldest-ever men's No.1, a record he still holds (36 years and 10 months). Against Djokovic, the difference largely came down to fitness. Tennis-wise, the match-up worked the best, even better than the Federer-Nadal rivalry. Each has beaten the other at all four Slams. If Federer was the master of tennis' first act, the serve, Djokovic was of the second, the return. Federer hit with pin-point accuracy but Djokovic could nullify it like none other.

The high point of this was the 2019 Wimbledon final, in which Federer held two match points – on his own serve – in the fifth set before losing. He was nearly 38 then and had come within a single stroke of becoming the oldest men's singles Grand Slam champion. "You take it on your chin, you move on," Federer said hours after that defeat. "You try to forget, try to take the good things out of this match. There's just tons of it. For now, it hurts, and it should, like every loss does at Wimbledon. [But] I'm very strong at being able to move on because I don't want to be depressed about an amazing tennis match."

As a player, Federer was committed only to the moment and the task at hand, leading a mystical journey towards sporting nirvana which fellow kindred spirits could partake in. At other times, with his wife Mirka and four kids in tow, he shed the aura that came with being one of the greatest players, and gave the impression of being one among us. He found Zen, both on and off the court.

KHARKIV

The centre of counter-offensive

Ukrainian troops have regained swathes of territories in the country's northeast

STANLY JOHNY

Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city, lies just 30 km south of the Russian border. This predominantly Russian speaking former capital of Soviet Ukraine was one of the early targets of the Russian invasion that started on February 24. Russian troops made quick advances towards the city in the early days of the war but were stopped at its gates by Ukrainian resistance. The Russians then tried to encircle it, and continued to shell the defensive lines. But by May, when their main battlefront focus shifted towards Donetsk and Luhansk in the east, Russian troops withdrew from the outskirts of Kharkiv city, but continued to hold much of Kharkiv Oblast, including small but strategically important cities such as Izium and Kupiansk. Not any more.

Last week, Russian troops were pushed back from much of the Oblast by a lightning Ukrainian counter-offensive. Ukraine's quick advances have clearly exposed the weak links in Russia's defence of the territories it captured during the seven-month-long conflict.

Kharkiv is no stranger to conflicts. After the collapse of the Russian Empire, Kharkiv was briefly part of the German-occupied anti-communist Ukrainian State. But after the German withdrawal and the defeat of the Whites (anti-communist forces), the Bolsheviks restored their control over the whole of Ukraine. Kharkiv eventually became the capital of Soviet Ukraine. The Nazis took the city in October 1941. The almost three-year-long Nazi occupation was one of the most brutal phases of Kharkiv's modern history. The Nazi occupiers and their local collaborators massacred some 15,000 Jews, more than 10% of the city's pre-war Jewish population. They also turned against communists and Ukrainian nationalists. Tens of thousands were killed and some 60,000 were sent to Germany for slave labour.

The Red Army, which had to withdraw from Kharkiv to the Izium area came under further attack and suffered another setback in 1942, like the Russians did in Izium last week. Two Soviet counter-offensives (first in May 1942 and then in February 1943) were unsuccessful. Finally, in a pre-winter offensive of August 1943, the Soviets broke through the defence of the 4th Panzer Army and Army Detachment Kempf in Kharkiv, forcing the Nazis to retreat behind the Dnieper River. The Battle of Kiev would follow quickly.

The Russian link

After Ukraine became independent following the disintegration of the Soviet Union in 1991, Kharkiv emerged as one of the busiest and most dynamic cities of the new republic in which Russian and Ukrainian ethnicities as well as a small Jewish minority co-existed. Given its territorial proximity to and deep cultural links with Russia, pro-Russian sentiments also remained strong in Kharkiv.

When Ukraine's elected government of Viktor Yanukovych was toppled by the West-backed Euromaidan protests in 2014, Kharkiv saw a pro-Russian unrest. When Russia annexed Crimea through a referendum and a separatist civil war broke out in the neighbouring Donbas region in the same year, Kharkiv also witnessed the insurrection of small but significant separatist forces who briefly took over state administration buildings. But unlike in Donetsk and Luhansk where the separatists, backed by Moscow, declared their own republics, in Kharkiv, the protesters were expelled from state buildings and the unrest was crushed. The crisis, however, has never been over.

After the war broke out, Russia has made it clear that it wanted to take the city. Even after their troops failed to take Kharkiv, Russian Generals have said they wanted to "liberate" the whole of Ukraine's east and south, stretching from Kharkiv in the northeast to Odesa in the south. But Russia's accomplishments in the seven months of war were limited and earlier this month, they suffered their first major battlefield setback in the Kharkiv Oblast. As of now Ukraine has outsmarted the Russians in Kharkiv. They not only resisted the Russian attempts to take the city, but also pushed them out of the Oblast. Immediately after their counteroffensive gains, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky visited Izium, which was the forward base of the Soviet Red Army during its attempts to retake Kharkiv from the Nazis, signalling that Ukraine's hold over the city was tight.

But the question is whether the Russian withdrawal was a tactical retreat, like in 1941, for regrouping and counterattack or whether Ukraine would be able to consolidate its gains in the recaptured territories and keep the Russians at bay. As long as the war continues, everything is a possibility.

SWEDEN DEMOCRATS

Rise of the far-right

The anti-immigrant SD has emerged as the largest party in the opposition bloc

G. SAMPATH

Sweden's Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson resigned last week after her government narrowly lost the general elections. Andersson's Swedish Social Democratic Party, which has been in power since 2014, was edged out by the right-wing Opposition which rode a strong wave of support for the Sweden Democrats (SD), an ultra-nationalist, far-right party which traces its origins to neo-Nazi groups of the 1980s. While Andersson's party secured 30% of the vote, her centre-left coalition could muster only 173 seats, three less than the Opposition's 176 in a 349-member Parliament where 175 is needed for majority.

The Sweden Democrats, with 20.5% of the votes and 73 seats, have emerged as the largest entity in the right-wing coalition, which also includes the Moderate Party (19% vote share and 68 seats); the much smaller Christian Democrats (19); and Liberals (16). In the 2018 elections, too, the SD had done well, securing 62 seats and prompting an avalanche of editorials decrying the rise of the far-right in Sweden. Back then, however, the dominant public opinion – in a country that's deemed a gold standard of progressive politics – was so hostile to the SD that none of the Opposition parties dared to ally with them, allowing the Social Democrats to return to power. Not any more.

The 2022 elections are a watershed moment for the country: for the first time an ultra-nationalist, anti-immigrant party would be in a position to influence Sweden's public policy as part of the ruling coalition. Before the elections, Moderate Party leader Ulf Kristersson was the Opposition's candidate for Prime Minister, with none of the other coalition members keen on having the SD as part of the government. But with the SD emerging as the largest member of the bloc, there are likely to be protracted negotiations over government formation – a process that took four months in 2018. While Mr. Kristersson is still likely to be the next Prime Minister, it remains to be seen whether the SD, as kingmakers, would be agreeable to staying out of the government.

At any rate, the rightwing bloc seems united on the core issues that propelled the rise of the SD: immigration and law and order. In 2015, when it had a population of 10 million, Sweden took in 163,000 immigrants, mostly Syrians and Iraqis – the highest per capita of any European Union country. Welcoming refugees is one thing, but their integration – especially when their numbers are large and the influx is sudden – is something else altogether.

National identity

Over time, it became clear that the coloured immigrant communities either could not gain acceptance, or were not accepted, as part of the Swedish national identity, which elements like the Sweden Democrats began to explicitly define as 'white' only – in stark contrast to the state's professed ideal of multiculturalism. Excluded from the mainstream – unemployment among Sweden's immigrant population is four times that of native Swedes – the immigrants began to be seen as the 'other', as people who have come to exploit the country's generous welfare system. Along with rising immigrant populations, Sweden also witnessed a sharp rise in crime, especially gang violence. Sweden has seen 50 deadly shootings in 2022 alone – a far cry from the boringly peaceful Nordic paradise of the popular imagination. The SD , led by 43-year-old Jimmie Akesson, saw in the rising crime rates a chance to move from the fringes to the mainstream, which they did by connecting a legitimate problem (worsening law and order) with their pet agenda – an end to immigration.

Sweden's progressive politics was perhaps adequate in 'normal times'. But after the Ukraine war, amid a cost of living crisis sparked by rising energy prices, and a government seen as too soft on crime, the SD had enough ammunition to stoke people's unspoken, subterranean prejudices and anxieties. Mr. Akesson's slogan, not surprisingly, is Make Sweden Great Again, and it is fixated on two issues that hark back to a singular xenophobic agenda: clamp down on immigration and crack down on criminals through tougher policing. In other words, even the law-and-order agenda, which seems legit, is susceptible to be deployed as a dog whistle for anti-immigrant sentiments.

Sweden, to its credit, held out the longest against the wave of far-right populism sweeping through Europe. But clearly, even Swedish 'exceptionalism'– it was the only country in Europe not to impose a lockdown at the peak of the COVID pandemic – has its limits.

PM Modi unveils policy for logistics

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday unveiled the National Logistics Policy that seeks to address challenges facing the transport sector and bring down the logistics cost for businesses from 13-14% to a single digit.

At the unveiling, he said the policy aims to expedite last-mile delivery, helping businesses save time and money. While the new policy addresses challenges of the logistics sector, together with the infrastructure augmentation plan it would address gaps, he said. For Indian products to capture world markets, the country has to strengthen its support system. "National Logistics Policy helps in making the support system modern."

'Bright growth prospects driving high imports'

FinMin flags priority for financing imports, says if next 3 quarters clock just 5.4% average growth, FY23 GDP will expand 7.2%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India's growth has been robust and inflation in control, even as the world's major economies are afflicted by slowing growth and high inflation, the Finance Ministry said on Saturday, reckoning that the economy would grow 7.2% this year driven by a revival in consumption, employment and investments.

Financing India's imports, which have exceeded $60 billion for six straight months, will have to be accorded high priority, the Ministry noted, linking the 'faster growth' in imports to the country's 'bright' growth prospects.

"The increase in the price of imported commodities not only led to an uptick in headline inflation but also widened the trade balance. However, with the easing of global supply-chain disruptions and decline in commodity prices, inflationary pressures are expected to soften and trade balance is anticipated to improve," the Ministry said in its monthly economic review for August.

The monthly goods trade deficit hit a record $30 billion in July as exports growth slowed, and remained uncomfortably high at about $28 billion in August. Consumers have faced 6%-plus inflation since January this year, with four of the last five months clocking 7% or more.

The Finance Ministry attributed the 'inflation acceleration in 2022 compared to 2021' to rising prices of imported commodities, global supply-side disruptions and revival of demand in advanced economies with the waning of the pandemic.

'Power' tussle: In winter, focus on energy security in advanced nations may spur geopolitical tensions, says FinMin. •REUTERS

"A relatively buoyant growth and a relatively stronger external sector is now set to converge with declining inflation to deliver for India a strengthened macroeconomic outlook for the balance period of the current year," it said.

"Downside risks to growth will persist insofar as India is integrated with the rest of the world. Nor is there room for complacency on the inflation front as lower crop-sowing for the Kharif season calls for deft management of stocks of agricultural commodities and market prices without unduly jeopardising farm exports," the Ministry said. With the economy growing 13.5% in the first quarter of this year, India's real GDP is now 'nearly' 4% above pre-COVID levels 'marking a strong beginning to India's growth revival in the post-pandemic phase', the Ministry said.

In the next three quarters, the real GDP 'needs to grow by (only) 5.4% on average every quarter' to achieve the 7.2% growth in 2022-23 as projected by the Reserve Bank of India, it underlined, citing a positive outlook on consumption, investment and employment.

'Services to lead growth'

"The contact-intensive services sector is likely to drive growth in 2022-23 building on the release of pent-up demand and near universalisation of vaccination. A sharply rebounding private consumption backed by soaring consumer sentiments and rising employment will sustain growth in the months ahead," the Ministry noted.

'Vigilance needed'

Policymakers, however, cannot remain satisfied and 'sit back for long periods', the Ministry cautioned, stressing that 'eternal macroeconomic vigilance is the price for stability and sustained growth' in these uncertain times.

"In winter months, heightened international focus on energy security in advanced nations could elevate geopolitical tensions, testing India's astute handling of its energy needs so far," it pointed out, indicating that that could be one of the key risks ahead.

Ambuja calls for EGM, to issue warrants

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NEW DELHI

Ambuja Cements, which has been acquired by the Adani family, has called for an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) with its shareholders on October 8.

In the EGM, Ambuja Cements will seek shareholders' approval for the appointment of Gautam Adani and others on the board and a ₹20,000 cash infusion through preferential allotment of warrants.

The firm has sought approval for preferential allotment of 47.74 crore warrants at ₹418.87 to Harmonia Trade and Investment Ltd., a promoter group entity, totalling ₹20,001 crore in one or more tranches. Warrant holders would pay about 25% of the issue price at the time of subscription.

LEAF to aid marginalised farmers

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

Ooty-based Lawrencedale Agro Processing India (LEAF), an integrated agriculture technology firm, is planning to 'transform the lives' of more than three million marginalised and tribal small-hold farmers within the next two years, said a top executive.

According to founder-CEO Palat Vijayaraghavan, the marginalised farming community can substantially spur the consumption of multiple services helping India reach its GDP target of $5 trillion.

To achieve this, LEAF is implementing a go-to-market strategy through LEAF Farmer Network powered by Mastercard.

Resurgent acquires South East U.P. Power via IBC

Acquirer brings in ₹3,251 crore

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NEW DELHI

Resurgent Power Ventures on Saturday said that it had completed the acquisition of South East UP Power Transmission Company through an insolvency process.

As per the resolution plan, the transaction entailed payment for one-time settlement of outstanding debt and purchase of equity shares for a consideration of ₹3,251 crore and payout of existing cash balance of SEUPPTCL.

The transaction has been funded through a mix of shareholder funds brought in by Resurgent Power and loans raised from State Bank of India.

SEUPPTCL has about 1,500 km of transmission lines and five sub-stations

SEUPPTCL has about 1,500 km of transmission lines (765 kV and 400 kV) and five sub-stations.

About 900 km of transmission link under the project is still to be completed.

Once the transmission project is completed, the total enterprise value will be about ₹6,500 crore.

Resurgent Power – a joint venture based out of Singapore – is co-sponsored by Tata Power and ICICI Venture and has other global reputed institutions as investors.

'Amid pandemic, 28 mn Indians joined LinkedIn'

India is the second-biggest market after U.S. for the professional networking company, says Gupta

YUTHIKA BHARGAVA
NEW DELHI

In the last two years, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, about 28 million Indians joined the professional networking platform LinkedIn, a senior company official said. India has also emerged as the fastest-growing country for the platform in terms of engagement globally.

"At 64 million members in 2020, the LinkedIn community stands at a whopping over 92 million members in India today – a 44% growth in members since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic," Ashutosh Gupta, India country manager, LinkedIn, said in an interview.

Mr. Gupta also added that the company's revenue in India, which was the second-biggest market for the company in terms of users after the U.S., also witnessed a growth of 84% from the years FY20 to FY22.

Adding heft: The LinkedIn community in India has touched more than 92 million members, says the company. •REUTERS

Talking about the evolution of conversations on the platform, Mr. Gupta said when the company started, the value proposition it offered was around jobs, and that still remained the biggest value proposition why people came to LinkedIn.

Multiple other dimensions had been added to that value proposition – for example, business networking and learning new skills, which picked up very strongly during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are seeing more personal, vulnerable stories and conversations emerge via the workplace lens

"How people engage on LinkedIn has evolved due to so many peoples' personal and professional lives blurring during the pandemic," he said. "We are seeing more personal, vulnerable stories and conversations emerge – but very much through the professional / workplace lens," he said.

"When you think about professionals, it is a very big term. What do you mean by a professional? Are cricketers not professionals or when I go on a vacation and I am sharing that with my business network, is that not a professional conversation? So that envelope has expanded a little bit," he added.

He also pointed out the firm was focussing on encouraging skill-based hiring via LinkedIn Learning, which saw a 'huge' surge in demand during the pandemic.

"Traditionally, we have been hiring using a template... I need somebody from this college, should have done this work... We don't always focus on skills. We are trying to shift the focus to skills," Mr. Gupta said.

"LinkedIn Learning plays a big role. As soon as you complete a course, you can add that skill on your profile. But recruiters' also need to change. Now, when recruiters enter search on LinkedIn, profiles that come are based on skills match."

SPORT

Rampant Patidar notches up another century

Ruturaj falls for 94, the visitors face a target of 416 in the fourth innings

NZ-A IN INDIA

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Rajat Patidar (109 n.o., 135b, 13x4, 2x6) and Ruturaj Gaikwad (94, 164b, 11x4) got among the runs to put India-A in a position of strength in the third 'Test' against New Zealand-A here on Saturday.

On the penultimate day, India-A declared on 359 for seven to leave New Zealand-A a stiff target of 416. At close of play, the visitor moved to 20 for one.

Patidar's great run continued, as he notched up his second century in this series. A few months prior, Patidar had scored 122 for Madhya Pradesh against Mumbai in the Ranji Trophy final held at this venue.

Patidar's exploits for RCB in the IPL has helped the batter no end. "Scoring runs for RCB definitely helped me gain confidence," Patidar said. Gaikwad was on course

Purple patch: Patidar has hardly put a foot wrong in recent times. •K. MURALI KUMAR

to make his second hundred of the match. A tame catch to mid-off, however, brought his demise.

Opener Priyank Panchal batted well for his 62. He was dismissed at the stroke of lunch, when he patted an innocuous short ball from spinner Joe Walker back to the bowler.

Sarfaraz Khan (63, 74b, 7x4, 2x6) played a few attractive strokes. In the search for quick runs, Sarfaraz swept a full toss from left-arm spinner Rachin Ravindra to Robert O'Donnell at mid-wicket. Rachin sent back Upendra Yadav and Shardul Thakur in the same over, which prompted India-A to declare.

With the New Zealand-A bowling lacking bite, the batters - apart from Patidar - missed the chance to record big, eye-catching scores.

The scores:

India-A— 1st innings: 293.

New Zealand-A — 1st innings: 237.

India-A— 2nd innings: Priyank Panchal c&b Walker 62, Abhimanyu Easwaran lbw b Solia 4, Ruturaj Gaikwad c Chapman b Walker 94, Rajat Patidar (not out) 109, Sarfaraz Khan c O'Donnell b Ravindra 63, Upendra Yadav b Ravindra 1, Shardul Thakur st Fletcher b Ravindra 0, Rahul Chahar lbw b Bruce 10; Extras (b-12, lb-2, nb-1, w-1): 16; Total (for seven wkts. decl. in 85 overs): 359.

Fall of wickets: 1-8, 2-130, 3-232, 4-340, 5-342, 6-342, 7-359.

New Zealand-A bowling: Duffy 19-6-53-0, Solia 12-1-43-1, Fisher 12-0-53-0, Walker 13-1-64-2, Ravindra 18-2-65-3, Chapman 1-0-9-0, Bruce 8-0-40-1, O'Donnell 2-0-18-0.

New Zealand-A —2nd innings: Rachin Ravindra lbw b Saurabh 12, Joe Carter (batting) 6, Joe Walker (batting) 0; Extras (lb-2): 2; Total (for one wicket in 20 overs): 20.

Fall of wicket: 1-15.

India-A bowling: Thakur 6-4-3-0, Mukesh 3-2-1-0, Saurabh 4-1-13-1, Chahar 1-0-1-0.

LIVE TELECAST

England Women vs India Women: 1st ODI, Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 3.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 4.30 & 6.45 p.m.
WTA Chennai Open: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 p.m. onwards
La Liga: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Monday)
Durand Cup: (final): Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Monday)
Bundesliga: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 11 p.m.

Siddharth, Nikita break meet records

ATHLETICS

SPORTS BUREAU

Rajasthan's Siddharth Choudhary (boys' shot put) and Nikita Kumari (girls' discus) broke meet records in the HSBC 17th National youth (under-18) athletics championships which began at the Tatya Tope Stadium in Bhopal on Saturday.

Both the athletes also achieved the qualifying standard for next month's Asian youth championships in Kuwait.

The results (winners only):

Boys: 3000m: Gaurav Bhaskar Bhosale (Mah) 8:48.94s.

110m hurdles: Sandip Vinod Gond (Mah) 14.00s; **Triple Jump:** Kothuri Pranay (Tel) 14.83m.

Shot put: Siddharth Choudhary (Raj) 20.22m (MR, Old: 19.85).

Girls: 3000m: Sunita Devi (UP) 10:04.07s; **100m hurdles:** Sabita Toppo (Odi) 14.15s.

Discus: Nikita Kumari (Raj) 46.07m (MR, Old: 45.08); **Hammer:** 1. Sakshi (Har) 46.94m.

Durand Cup: intriguing summit clash on the cards

Little to choose between BFC and MCFC in battle of equals

AMITABHA DAS SHARMA
KOLKATA

Two prominent Indian Super League outfits - Bengaluru FC and Mumbai City FC - will be battling it out for the first crown of the new football calendar when they meet in the final of the 131st Durand Cup at the Salt Lake Stadium under lights here on Sunday.

- The final will see the culmination of more than a months' engagements that saw a record 20 teams contesting in the initial round

The final will see the culmination of more than a months' engagements that saw a record 20 teams contesting in the initial round before the knock-outs pruned out the competition to have the two of the most consistent outfits reaching the title clash.

Mumbai city FC, the winner of both the ISL title and the League Winners Shield in the 2020-21 season, has gradually warmed up to its current form which saw it overcoming the local favourite, Mohammedan Sporting SC in the semifinals.

In good form overall

The team has been good both in defence and attack where the combination of Scotsman Greg Stewart and Lallianzuala Chhangte fetched it a few good wins. Chhangte currently is the highest scorer of the tournament with seven goals to his credit.

"We are here to win the Durand Cup and start the ISL season with more confidence and I am happy with my team till now. I am expecting an exciting match as Bengaluru is a strong team with good players in its ranks. My message to the team in the final will be to enjoy the game," said the Mumbai City FC gaffer Des Buckingham.

Bengaluru FC, which outplayed the reigning ISL champion Hyderabad FC in the semifinals, is also high on confidence with its attacking pair of Sunil Chhetri and Roy Krishna showing good form.

"I think we have to play as a team tomorrow. Mumbai has some very good players like Greg Stewart and others. So, we know what they can do. We don't have any injuries and our target will be to win the trophy without any injuries," said Simon Grayson, the English coach in charge of Bengaluru FC, which won the ISL title in the 2018-19 season.

Dark Don's Arya strikes it hot on opening day

JKNRC

RAYAN ROZARIO
COIMBATORE

Kolkata's Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing) played it cool on a rather hot day to finish on top of the podium in the premier Formula LGB4 class on the opening day of the 25th JK Tyre FMSCI National Racing Championship (JKNRC) at the Kari Motor Speedway in Chettipalayam on Saturday.

Chennai's Kyle Kumaran of DTS Racing packed a punch at the start, winning the JK Tyre Novice Cup with ease.

Despite a good qualifying round, Kyle, on his maiden outing at this venue, did not enjoy a great start. "I am not used to the race track and this is probably my second

Comrades in arms: Arya, centre, Tijil, right, and Ashwin made it a Dark Don sweep in Formula LGB4 class. •S. SIVA SARAVANAN

race in a car and that was a bit difficult for me," he said.

But he still won by a decent distance before the safety car came in.

Quite soon, Allwin caught the attention of the crowd with his skilful riding in the JK Tyre presents Royal Enfield Continental GT Cup.

With the format changed to the Pro-Am Series, the pressure was on the professionals to perform. But Allwin, the experienced star that he is, struck the right balance to finish ahead of defending champion Anish D. Shetty of Bengaluru. Later, Anish bounced back to win the second race in style.

The results (provisional): JK Tyre RE Continental GT Cup (Overall): Race 1: 1. Allwin Xavier (Thrissur); 2. Anish D. Shetty (Bengaluru); 3. P.M. Soorya. **Race 2:** 1. Anish D. Shetty; 2. Ullas S. Nanda (Bengaluru); 3. Joseph Mathew (Chennai).

JK Tyre Novice Cup: Race 1. Kyle Kumaran (DTS Racing) 13:38.548; 2. Joel Joseph (DTS) 13:39.905; 3. Dhruvh Goswami (MSport) 13:40.00. **Formula LGB4: Race 1:** 1. Arya Singh (Dark Don Racing) 23:44.955; 2. Tijil Rao (Dark Don) 23:45.498; 3. Ashwin Datta (Dark Don) 23:46.121.

Miss Little Angel pulls off surprise win

HYDERABAD: The 20-to-1 longshot Miss Little Angel (Santosh Raj up) sprang a surprise by beating the favourite The Image by a neck, in the A. Krishnaswamy Memorial Cup, the main event of Saturday's (Sept. 17) races. The winner is owned by Mr. V. Narendar Reddy & Mr. Eswarchandra Rajagopal Tripuraneni. G. Shashikanth trains the winner.

1. NAGARKURNOOL PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **ARABIAN QUEEN** (Suraj Narredu) 1, N R I Blue (B.R. Kumar) 2, Lady Danger (B. Nikhil) 3 and Gurbaaz (Akshay Kumar) 4. 3, 4 and 1/2. 1m, 27.22s. ₹12 (w), 10, 19 and 88 (p). SHP: 79, THP: 175, SHW: 14 and 32, FP: 54, Q: 93, Tanala: 1,883. Favourite: Arabian Queen. Owners: Mr. Ram H. Shroff & Mr. Raj H. Shroff rep. Stride Livestock Pvt. Ltd. & Mr. Chetan Shantilal Shah. Trainer: M. Srinivas Reddy.

2. SANDOWN PARK PLATE (DIV. I) (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **AMYRA** (B.R. Kumar) 1, DRD (Ajeeth Kumar) 2, Kingston (R.S. Jodha) 3 and General Atlantic (B. Nikhil) 4. 2, Sh and Hd. 1m, 6.33s. ₹93 (w), 22, 22 and 15 (p). SHP: 68, THP: 65, SHW: 45 and 46, FP: 523, Q: 401, Tanala: 1,552. Favourite: Pacific Command. Owners: Ms. Meka Ahalya & Mrs. Rajini Meka. Trainer: L. D'Silva.

3. SANDOWN PARK PLATE (DIV. II) (1,100m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **BLISSFUL** (R.S. Jodha) 1, City Of Bliss (B.R. Kumar) 2, By The Bay (Kiran Naidu) 3 and Bellagio (Afroz Khan) 4. 3/4, 2 and Nk. 1m, 6.08s. ₹78 (w), 18, 17 and 33 (p). SHP: 49, THP: 67, SHW: 37 and 28, FP: 336, Q: 214, Tanala: 3,273. Favourite: By The Bay. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar Of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.

4. NELSTON PLATE (2,000m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III): **ADVANCE GUARD** (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Yesterday (Surya Prakash) 2, Grand Duke (R.S. Jodha) 3 and Team Player (Nakhat Singh) 4. 2, 8 and 1/2. 2m, 7. 93s. ₹68 (w), 18, 12 and 12 (p). SHP: 33, THP: 32, SHW: 20 and 23, FP: 485, Q: 179, Tanala: 2,144. Favourite: Philanthropist. Owner: Col. S.B. Nair. Trainer: L.V.R. Deshmukh.

5. A. KRISHNASWAMY MEMORIAL CUP (1,400m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II): **MISS LITTLE ANGEL** (Santosh Raj) 1, The Image (Ashad Ashar) 2, Mysterious Angel (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and Malaala (Kiran Naidu) 4. Nk, 1/2 and 2. 1m, 26.93s. ₹158 (w), 29, 15 and 21 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 61, SHW: 88 and 13, FP: 531, Q: 120, Tanala: 2,186. Favourite: The Image. Owners: Mr. V. Narendar Reddy & Mr. Eswarchandra Rajagopal Tripuraneni. Trainer: G. Shashikanth.

6. TWIN CITIES PLATE (1,400m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y- only (Cat. II): **ROMERO** (Suraj Narredu) 1, Path Of Peace (Surya Prakash) 2, Divine Destiny (Ajeeth Kumar) 3 and God Is Kind (B. Nikhil) 4. 4-1/2, 4-1/2 and 1-1/2. 1m, 27.73s. ₹18 (w), 13, 77 and 83 (p). SHP: 232, THP: 259, SHW: 12 and 157, FP: 565, Q: 538, Tanala: 7,438. Favourite: Romero. Owner: Mr. Md. Kashif Khan. Trainer: N. Rawal.

Jackpot: 70%: ₹2,49,916 (1 tkt.) & 30%: 26,776 (4 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 12,274 (5 tkts.).
Treble: (i) 745 (44 tkts.), (ii) 4,327 (13 tkts.).

Durasovic and Ruud seal it for Norway

DAVIS CUP

SPORTS BUREAU

Viktor Durasovic showed that Norway was not exactly a one-man army! Ranked a modest 325 in singles and 224 in doubles, the 25-year-old Durasovic stood up to the task, along with world No. 2 Casper Ruud, in guiding Norway to an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the Davis Cup World Group tie against India at the Hakons Hall in Lillehammer on Saturday.

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni did raise hopes of sustaining Indian fight when they took the second set in the doubles, but Ruud and Durasovic broke Yuki's serve in the fourth game of the decider and pulled through without any further drama.

Once Ruud recovered from 0-30 to hold serve for a 5-2 lead in the decider, it was hard for the Indian pair, even though Yuki nonchalantly served the eighth game to put Durasovic's serve to test.

Durasovic, the unsung hero in the Norwegian camp, served it out to give Norway an unassailable lead.

The results:

Norway bt India 3-0 (Casper Ruud bt Prajnesh Gunneswaran 6-1, 6-4; Viktor Durasovic bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-1, 6-4; Durasovic & Ruud bt Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni 6-3, 3-6, 6-3).

Fruhvirtova outlasts Podoroska

The 17-year-old keeps her nerve to prevail in a two-hour 53-minute humdinger

CHENNAI OPEN

N. SUDARSHAN
CHENNAI

Linda Fruhvirtova's teenaged promise was in full bloom in front of a vociferous crowd at the SDAT Tennis Stadium on Saturday as she beat Nadia Podoroska 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 to enter her maiden WTA Tour-level final.

In a nerveless third-set display, she battled from a break down to edge the two-hour 53-minute contest that is now sure to fetch her a spot in the top-100 for the first time.

"It was the best atmosphere I have ever played in," said the 17-year-old. "Respect to her [Podoroska]. She played amazing. I never thought I would win a three-setter against her. She made me go over my limits."

Czech and mate! Fruhvirtova recovered from a deficit to turn the tables on Podoroska in a high-quality semifinal. •R. RAVINDRAN

Fruhvirtova will face Magda Linette in the final after the Pole's opponent Katie Swan of Great Britain withdrew from her semifinal while being 0-3 down in the first set. Swan pulled out owing to illness.

The start of the evening was marked by some frighteningly good tennis. Fruhvirtova's power stood out, especially from the backhand wing, as she clobbered balls when allowed time and space.

It forced Podoroska, who largely plays percentage tennis and pulls the trigger only when the kill is assured, to up her game. The Argentine used the short angles well and denied Fruhvirtova the chance to dictate from the middle of the court. The Czech had to hit on the run and off-balance, resulting in a fair share of errors.

Podoroska broke in the fifth and seventh games to have two looks at the first set. But just like it had in her quarterfinal against Eugenie Bouchard, a medical time-out for her opponent (exhaustion) threw her off and the score was soon 5-5.

The experienced Podoroska, however, recovered to break and hold in quick succession and pocketed the opening set. And when the 25-year-old broke the Fruhvirtova serve in the opening game of the second stanza, the door had seemingly shut for the youngster.

But the tables turned and Fruhvirtova broke thrice to gallop through the set 6-2. Podoroska fluffed her angles and with not much power in her shots, Fruhvirtova feasted on the short balls.

At 2-2 in the third, the momentum shifted again as Podoroska broke to 3-2. Fruhvirtova called for another time-out, this time to strap her left ankle. But Podoroska didn't let it affect her and instead shadow-practised on the side where Fruhvirtova was seeking treatment, perhaps to show that she wanted to get on with it.

But her serve remained wobbly. She held to 4-2 after saving a break point but couldn't manage it two games later as Fruhvirtova restored parity to 4-4.

On the Podoroska serve at 4-5, Fruhvirtova ran up three match points, only the former to erase all, the third with a nonchalant drop.

That, though, remained her last act, as she double-faulted on the fourth match point.

IN BRIEF

Dortmund moves to the top after Bayern loses

DORTMUND

Borussia Dortmund beat Schalke 1-0 to climb to the top of Bundesliga on Saturday as Bayern Munich suffered a 0-1 reverse at Augsburg. Manchester City won 3-0 over Wolves to move top of the Premier League.

Top results: Premier League: Wolves 0 lost to Man City 3 (Grealish 1, Haaland 16, Foden 69); Tottenham 6 (Kane 8, Dier 21, Bentancur 47, Son 73, 84, 86) bt Leicester 2 (Tielemans 6-pen, Maddison 41); **LaLiga:** Barcelona 3 (Lewandowski 34, 48, Depay 41) bt Elche 0; **Bundesliga:** Dortmund 1 (Moukoko 78) bt Schalke 0; Augsburg 1 (Berisha 59) bt Bayern 0.

Italy, Germany advance

PARIS

Germany and Italy on Friday locked up places in the Davis Cup last eight, while Britain and France were eliminated.

The results: Italy 2 bt Argentina 1; Canada 2 bt Spain 1; Germany 2 bt Belgium 1; Netherlands 2 bt Britain 1.

Arjun progresses

NEW DELHI

Arjun Erigaisi defeated Russia's David Paravyan 2.5-0.5 to set up a clash with Teimour Radjabov in Group E, but Vidit Gujrathi and Mitrabha Guha could not advance in the Chess.com Global online rapid chess championship. Vidit lost 0.5-2.5 to Russia's Alexey Sarana while Mitrabha went down 0-3 to favourite Jan-Krzysztof Duda (Poland).

Shami tests positive

MUMBAI

Mohammed Shami has tested positive for COVID-19 and is likely to miss the T20I series against Australia.

Flexible: Suryakumar has pulled his weight at any given slot.

'I love batting at No. 4'

Suryakumar says it challenges him a lot

CRICKET

AMOL KARHADKAR
MUMBAI

Be it the IPL or international cricket, Suryakumar Yadav has not only batted all over top-seven batting positions but has been effective in each of his role as well. The maverick is enjoying his current responsibility of batting at No. 4 heading into the T20 World Cup.

"I love batting at all the positions and currently I am loving batting at No. 4, because I feel it challenges me a lot," Suryakumar told *The Hindu* before leaving for Mohali for the first T20I against Australia.

Having spent almost a decade in domestic cricket before his India debut, Suryakumar stressed that flexibility is the key to success for a T20 batter. "With the way things are going, you have got to be very flexible right now to bat at any number. You need to do what is required in that situation," Suryakumar said.

"If you go in [in] the seventh over, you need to understand what you need to do. And in the end, if you go in at No. 7, you need to score like 12-ball 25 and you need to know how to make it happen."

Suryakumar, thanks to his ability to execute high-risk innovative strokes with elan, is often compared with South Africa's A.B. de Villiers. He has been trying to emulate de Villiers' model of batting conventionally in the nets before letting himself loose in T20 games.

"I actually try to follow the same mantra as him. I have also heard the same from many players who played with him at RCB that whenever he bats in the nets, he tries to bat normally, he just tries to watch the ball closely. So I also actually started doing."

Sai Kishore's seven-for ends the game as a contest

South has an overall lead of 580 runs with nine wickets in hand

DULEEP TROPHY

S. DINAKAR
SALEM

Sai Kishore's body language oozes self-belief. He relishes face-offs. Confidence is everything.

He is skilful, fit and has the strength of mind to deliver on big occasions.

With bounce, turn and the odd straight one, the lanky Sai bamboozled North with a destructive seven for 70.

Flummoxed: Sai Kishore snared Dhull with one that spun away. •R. RAGU

Mammoth lead

Bundled out for 207, North handed South a mammoth first innings lead of 423, on Saturday, the third day of the Duleep Trophy semifinal at the SCF ground.

As a contest, this game is over and the formalities will be completed on day four. South, which for all practical purposes is through to the final, was 157 for one in its second innings after not enforcing the follow-on.

Day three was not about Sai alone. The prolific Rohan Kunnummal followed his first innings 193 with a sizzling 72-ball 77 (9x4, 2x6), flashing his cover-drives with a flourish, using his feet to spinners and dominating the bowling.

Kunnummal, a natural, appeared to be batting on a different pitch. Mayank Agarwal, with cultured stroke-making, was unbeaten on 53 (76b, 6x4) at stumps.

Earlier, North struggled on a surface where survival wasn't easy. A few balls reared while some kept low from patches on the pitch.

And Sai bowling with precision and control from an easy high-arm action, was not making existence easier for them.

Settling into a lovely bowling rhythm, Sai sliced through the line-up.

There is a lot to admire in his bowling. Importantly, he pivots to get more body into his action. He spun one away to have the in-form Yash Dhull caught behind for 39.

Tantalising length

Sai also bowled a tantalising length on this surface. If the batters played forward, there was the close-in cordon waiting for them. If they played back, they were in danger of being trapped leg-before with the one that went through straight.

Hiamashu Rana was trapped leg-before by Sai. Nishanth Sindhu fought hard for his 40 but gave Sai the charge and was stumped. Off-spinner K. Gowtham, who spun the ball, played a valuable supporting role.

But then, it was Sai's day in Salem.

The scores:

South Zone — 1st innings: 630 for eight decl.

North Zone — 1st innings: Yash Dhull c Bhui b Sai Kishore 39, Manan Vohra c Kunnummal b Gowtham 27, Dhruv Shorey c Pandey b Thyagarajan 28, Mandeep Singh c Indrajith b Gowtham 14, Himanshu Rana lbw Sai Kishore 17, Nishanth Sindhu st Bhui b Sai Kishore 40, Anmol Malhotra c Vihari b Sai Kishore 0, Pulkit Narang (not out) 12, Mayank Dagar c Ravi Teja b Sai Kishore 11, Siddharth Kaul c Indrajith b Sai Kishore 0, Navdeep Saini lbw b Sai Kishore 4; Extras (b-4, lb-5, nb-1, p-5): 15; Total (in 67 overs): 207.

Fall of wickets: 1-67, 2-71, 3-116, 4-116, 5-164, 6-166, 7.183, 8-201, 9-201.

South Zone bowling: Sai Kishore 25-4-70-7, Basil Thampi 7-0-19-0, Ravi Teja 4-0-14-0, Gowtham 22-5-68-2, Thyagarajan 9-3-22-1.

South Zone — 2nd innings: Rohan Kunnummal c (sub) b Sindhu 77, Mayank Agarwal (batting) 53, T. Ravi Teja (batting) 19; Extras (b-4, lb-4): 8; Total (for one wkt. in 28 overs): 157.

Fall of wicket: 1-124.

North Zone bowling: Dagar 6-0-39-0, Sindhu 12-1-62-1, Narang 7-0-39-0, Rana 3-0-9-0.

West Zone has one foot in the final

Sets Central a mammoth target of 501 for victory

S. DIPAK RAGAV
COIMBATORE

The third day's play between West Zone and Central Zone in the Duleep Trophy semifinals at the Sri Ramakrishna College ground on Saturday was less intense in comparison to the first two days. West made 371 in its second innings, setting Central a humongous target of 501.

Shaw, who resumed on 104, was dismissed for 142 (140b, 15x4, 4x6). It took a brilliant effort from Yash Dubey, diving to his right at short-midwicket, to remove Shaw.

Armaan Jaffer looked solid, executing some fine shots through the leg-side, including two flicks of Gourav Yadav to get to 49. However, in a hurry to get to his half-century he mistimed a lofted shot.

Het Patel (67) started positively hitting Karan for three boundaries before he switched to the cautious mode. The Gujarat wicket-keeper's patient half-century put the game beyond the reach of Central.

Solid effort: Het compiled a patient half-century. •M. PERIASAMY

The scores:

West Zone — 1st innings: 257.

Central Zone — 1st innings: 128.

West — 2nd innings: Prithvi Shaw c Dubey b Karan 142, Yashasvi Jaiswal lbw b Aniket 3, Ajinkya Rahane b Rajpoot 12, Rahul Tripathi lbw b Rajpoot 0, Armaan Jaffer c Dubey b Karan 49, Shams Mulani lbw b Kartikeya 29, Het Patel lbw b Kartikeya 67, Atit Sheth c Garg b Kartikeya 20, Tanush Kotian b Gourav 28, Jaydev Unadkat lbw b Gourav 1, Chintan Gaja (not out) 11; Extras (b-4, lb-1, w-2, nb-2): 9; Total (in 104.4 overs): 371.

Fall of wickets: 1-14, 2-82, 3-86, 4-200, 5-220, 6-260, 7-292, 8-341, 9-343.

Central bowling: Rajpoot 16-2-63-2, Aniket 15-1-65-1, Gourav 12-0-68-2, Kartikeya 36.4-7-105-3, Karan 25-4-65-2.

Central — 2nd innings: Himanshu Mantri c Gaja b Mulani 18, Yash Dube c Shaw b Gaja 14, Kumar Kartikeya (batting) 1; Total (for two wkts. in 9.2 overs): 33.

Fall of wickets: 1-22, 2-33.

West bowling: Unadkat 3-0-13-0, Gaja 4-0-14-1, Kotian 2-0-6-0, Mulani 0.2-0-0-1.

Bajrang stays on course

WRESTLING WORLDS

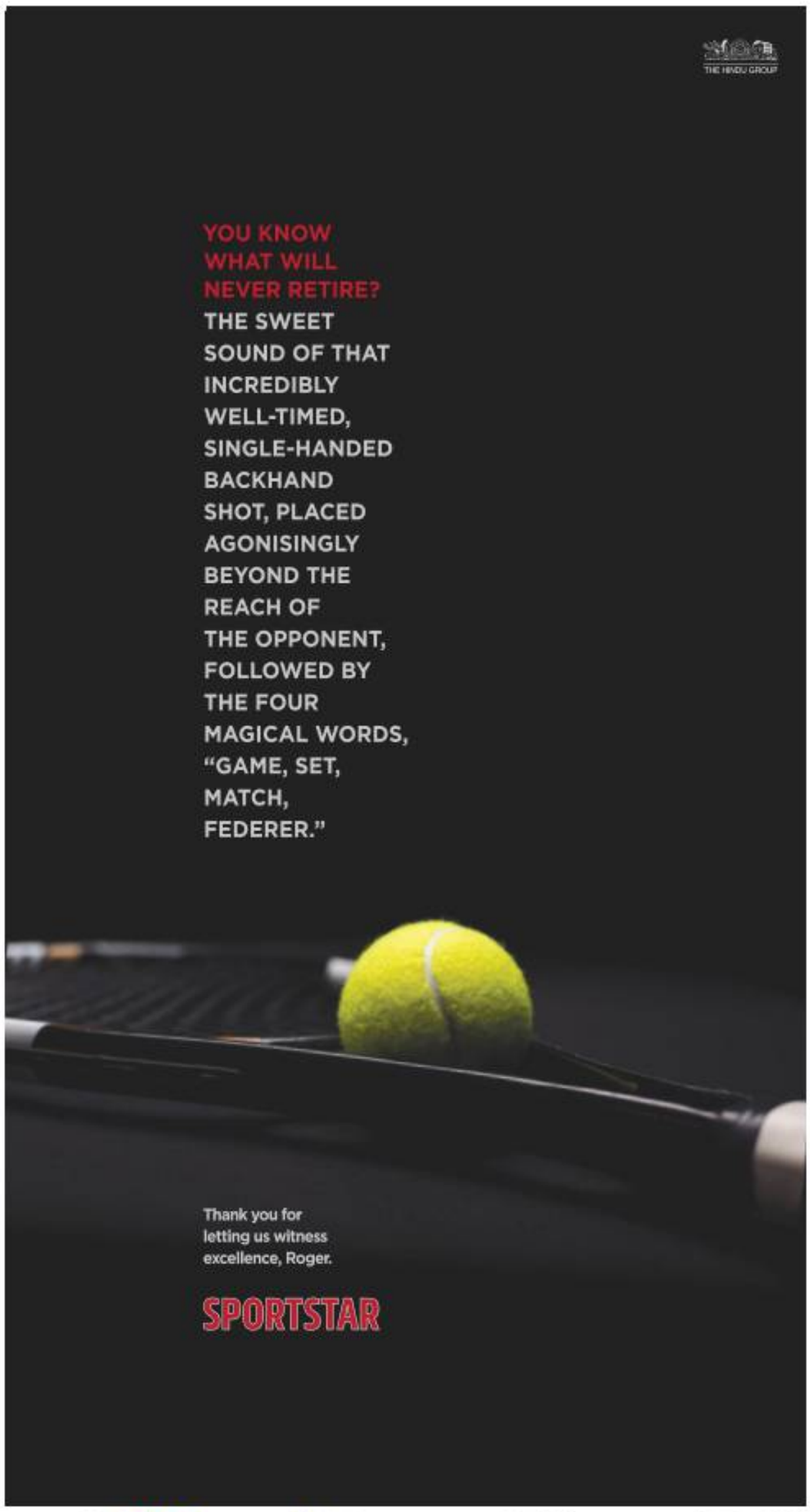
SPORTS BUREAU

Bajrang Punia (65kg) stayed in the quest for another medal in the World wrestling championships in Belgrade on Saturday. Beginning his journey from the pre-quarterfinals, Bajrang beat Cuban Alejandro Valdes 5-4 despite picking up an injury (on the top of his head) during the bout.

Bajrang put on a strap to protect the injury during his next bout but lost to John Diakomihalis of the USA 10-0 in the quarterfinals.

The Indian made it to the repechage round when Diakomihalis progressed to the title clash.

Sagar Jaglan (74kg) made a good start to his bronze medal hunt by beating Mongolian Suidkhuu Olonbayar 7-3 in the repechage round, but lost to two-time Asian medallist Yones Emami of Iran 6-0 in the bronze medal contest.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